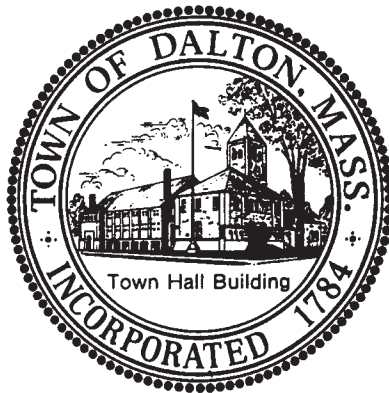




## 2016 Annual Report Dalton, Massachusetts





## ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN OF DALTON MASSACHUSETTS FOR 2016

Population 2016 Census (As of December 31, 2016).....	6,913
Number of Registered Voters.....	4,645
Area.....	21.83 Sq. Miles
Latitude .....	42° - 30"
Longitude .....	73° - 10"
Miles of State Road.....	6.75
Miles of Town Road.....	44
Tax Rate (Town).....	\$19.87
Tax Rate (Fire District) .....	\$1.09
Total Tax Assessed (Town-Includes Personal Property).....	\$11,777,160
Total Tax Assessed (Fire District).....	\$646,055
Total Valuation .....	\$592,710,596
'17 Town Meeting.....	May 1, 2017 (7:00 PM)
'17 Town Election.....	May 8, 2017 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
'18 Town Meeting.....	May 7, 2018 (7:00 PM)
'18 Town Election.....	May 14, 2018 (10:00 AM – 8:00 PM)

**All elections are held at the Dalton CRA located at 400 Main Street.**

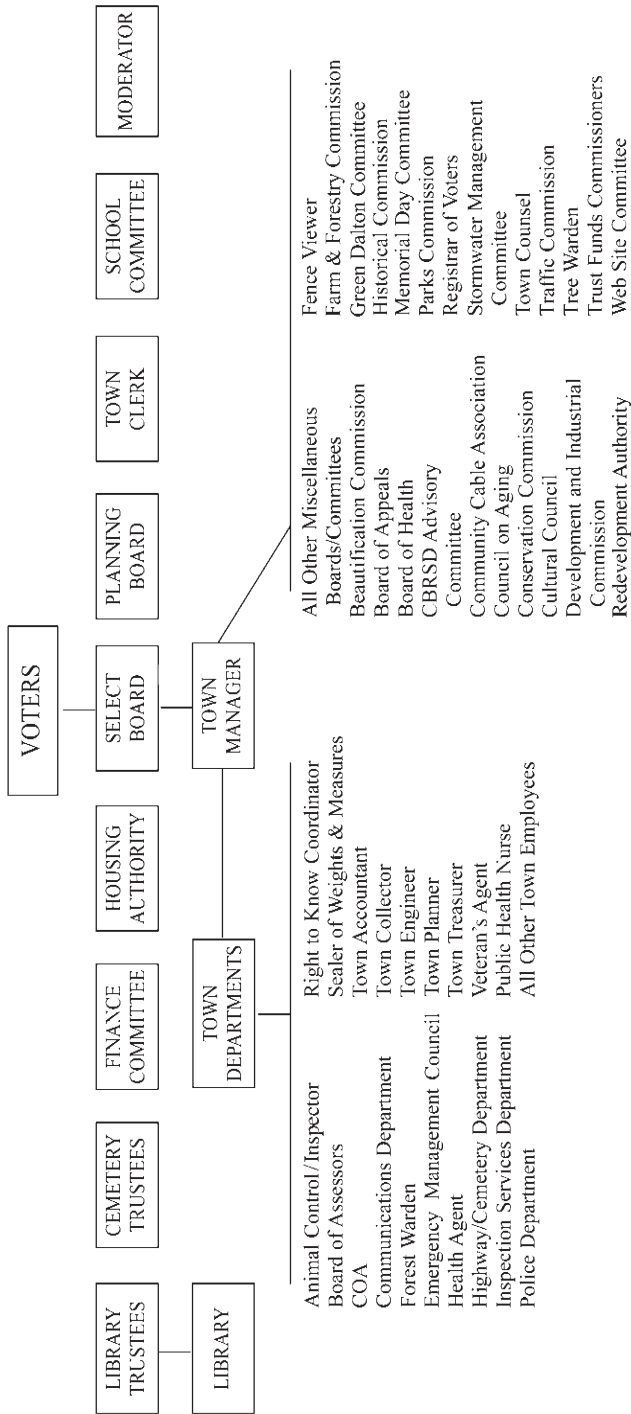
**Please bring this report with you to the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.  
Please note time is 7:00 p.m. for all Town Meetings.**

**For information regarding Town services, Community events and to find a link to Dalton's Town Meeting Calendar/Schedule, visit our website @ [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov)**

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TOWN OF DALTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires		Term Expires
<b>Select Board</b>		<b>Planning Board</b>	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 5 Years)	
Mary R. Cherry, V.Chair .....	2017	Caleb J. Darby, Chair .....	2019
John W. Bartels Jr., Chair .....	2019	Zack R. McCain, III, V.Chair .....	2017
Marc E. Strout .....	2019	Edward P. Holub, Clerk .....	2020
Robert W. Bishop, Jr. ....	2018	Vacancy .....	2018
Michael J. Szklasz .....	2017	Vacancy .....	2019
<b>Town Clerk</b>		<b>Planning Board</b>	
(Term 3 Years)		(Term 1 Year)	
Deborah J. Merry .....	2018	Daniel Esko .....	2017
<b>Moderator</b>		<b>Library Trustees</b>	
(Term 1 Year)		(Term 3 Years)	
Anthony P. Doyle .....	2017	Fred J. Sears, Chair .....	2017
<b>Dalton Housing Authority</b>		Judith L. Douville, V.Chair .....	2018
(Term 5 Years)		Max Ehrlich .....	2017
Kathleen M. Burke, Chair .....	2021	Mary E. Gingras .....	2019
Nils E. Jacobsson .....	2019	Gail A. Pinna .....	2017
Vacant (State Aptd) .....	2021	Mark S. Rancourt .....	2018
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b>		Anne M. Ronayne .....	2019
(Term 3 Years)		Joan M. Roy .....	2018
Judith L. Douville, Chair .....	2017	Leonardo Quiles .....	2019
John W. Bartels, Jr. ....	2018	<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Thomas R. Towne .....	2019	(Term 3 Years)	
		Henry H. Williams III, Chair .....	2017
		Tracy A. Cahalan .....	2018
		William A. Drosehn III .....	2019
		J. Michael Hoffman .....	2019
		VACANT .....	2018
		John S. Rys .....	2017
		Jeffrey S. Noble .....	2019
		Karen J. Schmidt .....	2018
		Carolyn W. Pierce .....	2017

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

(Effective July 1, 2016 - Serving for one year unless stated otherwise)

<b>Town Manager (3)</b>	<b>Town Collector (1)</b>
Kenneth E. Walto (2019)	Jane A. Carman
<b>Administrative Assistant (1)</b>	Melissa A. Davis, Asst.
Judith Wagner	<b>Town Treasurer (1)</b>
<b>Town Accountant (3)</b>	Sharon M. Messenger
Sandra J. Albano (2019)	Dawn M. Fahey, Asst.
Alecia Herrick, Asst.(2017)	<b>Police Chief (3)</b>
	Jeffrey E. Coe (2018)

**Superintendent of Streets (1)**  
Sewers, Cemeteries & Parks  
John W. Roughley (2018)

**ADA Committee (1)**  
Deborah B. Horth  
Elizabeth Mason  
Nancy E. Persson  
George White  
1 Vacancy

**Animal Control Officer (1)**  
Michael L. McClay  
Jeffrey W. Henault, Asst.

**Assistant Town Clerk (3)**  
Michele T. Blake (2018)

**BRPC Transportation Advisory (1)**  
**Committee**  
Mary R. Cherry, TAC  
Vacancy, (MPO)

**BRPC (1)**  
Caleb Darby, Delegate  
Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Alt.

**Berkshire Retirement Advisory (1)**  
**Board**  
Sharon M. Messenger

**Board of Appeals (3)(Alt. 1)**  
Anthony P. Doyle, Chair (2019)  
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chairman  
Stephen J. Psutka, V. Chair (2019)  
Edward F. Gero, Clerk (2017)  
Mary E. Lamke, Alt. (2017)  
Vacancy, Alt. (2017)

**Board of Assessors (1)**  
Laura L. Maffuccio, Chairman  
Frances M. Broderick, Interim  
W. David Zagorski

**Board of Health (1)**  
Edward M. Fahey, Health Agent  
Richard J. O'Brien, Chairman  
George A. Finn, III, Vice Chairman  
Daniel M. Doyle  
Edward F. Gero  
Alyce Kendrick

**Board of Registrars (3)**  
Elizabeth A. Erb, Chair (2019)

Deborah J. Merry, Clerk (2018)  
Doreen P. Aleshevich (2018)  
Michele T. Blake (2018)

**Building Commissioner/(1)**  
**Zoning Enforcement Officer**  
Richard G. Haupt retired 8/15/2016  
Donald R. Torrico  
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt. ZEO  
Jeffrey A. Clemons, Alt.  
Don W. Fitzgerald, Ass't.  
John Carchedi, Ass't

**Building Superintendent/ (1)**  
**Purchasing Agent**  
Timothy N. Daniels

**Burial Agents (1)**  
Deborah J. Merry  
Jeffrey E. Coe, Alt.

**Central Berkshire 7-Town (1)**  
**Municipal Advisory Committee**  
Henry H. Williams, III  
John W. Bartels, Jr.

**Commissioner of Trust Funds (3)**  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Susan C. Vigeant (2017)

**Conservation Commission (3)**  
Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chair (2019)  
Thomas W. Baker, Vice Chair (2019)  
James S. Duffy (2018)  
Edward F. Gero (2017)  
Edward P. Holub (2017)  
Cheryl D. Rose (2018)  
Domenick F. Sacco (2018)

**Constables (1)**  
Jeffrey E. Coe  
Christopher J. Furlong  
John M. Marley  
Michael L. McClay  
Matthew T. Mozzi  
Deanna L. Strout  
James R. Duryea Jr  
Geoffrey Powell  
Rodney M. Buzzella  
William J. Munch

**Council on Aging Director (1)**  
Kelly Pizzi, Director (2017)

**Council on Aging (3)**  
 (minimum 11/maximum 15)  
 Margaret Cahill, (2017)  
 Maureen Mitchell, Co-Chair (2019)  
 Vacancy (2018)  
 Jean K. Poopor, (2019)  
 Judith M. Brooks Vice Chair (2017)  
 Marcia J. Brophy (2019)  
 Thomas J. Callahan, Jr. (2018)  
 Tracy Cahalan (2018)  
 Robert P. Dean (2018)  
 David DiNicola (2017)  
 Andrea Lassar, Clerk (2017)  
 Mary Jane Duquette (2017)  
 John Rys, Treasurer (2017)  
 Ralph W. Young (2018)  
 Gordine Galusha, Alt. (2019)  
 Joyce Lacatell Co-Chair (2019)

**Senior Center Building/ (1)**  
**Maintenance Committee**  
 George A. Finn, III  
 Mary E. Lamke  
 Maureen M. Mitchell  
 Carol A. Morrison  
 Kelli Pizzi  
 Irwin T. Renak  
 David DiNicola  
 Vacancy  
 Vacancy

**Custodian of Tax Title Property (1)**  
 Sharon M. Messenger

**Dalton Beautification Commission**  
 (3 Years)  
 Annmarie Cicchetti, Chairman (2019)  
 Arlene Cormier (2019)  
 Kathleen A. Desmarais (2017)  
 Maureen Maxon (2019)  
 Angela McDonough (2019)  
 Jean K. Poopor (2017)  
 Peter Gonick (2019)

**Dalton Community Cable Assoc.Rep.(1)**  
 Thomas J. Murray

**Dalton Cable Advisory Comm. (1)**  
 J. Michael Hoffman,Chairman  
 John J. Bates  
 John W. Ostresh  
 2 Vacancies

**Dalton Cultural Council (3)**  
 Jennifer S. Gitlitz (2019)

Donald Harris, Chairman (2017)  
 Margaret Cahill (2018)  
 Jonathan R. Croy (2019)  
 Jennifer A. Ware (2017)  
 John Williams (2018)  
 Kathleen F. Harris (2018)  
 Kellie Harris-Porter (2019)

**Dalton Develop./Industrial Comm. (5)**  
 Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman (2017)  
 Charles J. Dooley, Vice Chair (2019)  
 Robert M. Alessio (2021)  
 John F. Boyle (2017)  
 Anthony P. Doyle (2018)  
 Michael J. Ferry (2021)  
 J. Michael Hoffman (2018)  
 Donald R. Rochelo (2020)  
 Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr. (2018)  
 Susan C. Vigeant (2020)  
 Isa F. Ali (2021)

**Dalton Redevelopment Authority (5)**  
 Kenneth E. Walto, Chair (2017)  
 Charles J. Dooley, V. Chair (2019)  
 John F. Boyle (2020)  
 Vacancy, State Appt. Anthony Doyle  
 Nominated  
 Sue Vigeant (2020)

**Dalton Emergency Management (1)**  
**Advisory Council**  
 James E. Scolforo  
 Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.  
 Jeffrey E. Coe  
 Edward M. Fahey  
 Mary E. Lamke  
 Kelly Pizzi  
 Gabrielle Taglieri  
 Kenneth E. Walto  
 Lysander Bone  
 2 Vacancies

**Dalton Historical Commission (3)**  
 George D. White, Chair (2019)  
 Louisa M. Horth, Vice Chair (2018)  
 Mary Jane Caliento (2017)  
 Gail A. Pinna (2018)  
 Vacancy (2019)  
 Mary Walsh (2017)  
 Joyce M. White (2017)

**Director of Communications (1)**  
 Gabrielle Taglieri



**Emergency Management Director & (1)**  
Community Emergency Response  
Coord.  
Daniel D. Filiault

**Farm and Forestry Commission (3)**  
Vacancy  
Beth Salvatore-LeBeau, V.Chair (2017)  
Peter Cachat (2019)  
J. Dicken Crane (2017)  
Shaun M. Garvey (2019)  
Dina L. LaBeau, Alt. (2018)

**Fence Viewer (1)**  
James R. Bacon

**Forest Warden (1)**  
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.

**Green Dalton Committee (1)**  
David Wasielewski, Chairman  
Edward P. Holub, Vice Chairman  
Cheryl D. Rose  
Jennifer Gitlitz  
Wendy E. Brown  
Richard Hall  
John K. Flippin

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator (1)**  
Vacancy

**Hoose House Restoration Committee (1)**  
Joyce M. White, Chairman  
Lisa Peltier  
Richard Haupt retired 8/15/16  
Mary Jane Caliento  
George D. White  
Gail A. Pinna  
Louisa M. Horth

**Housatonic River Restoration Gov.  
Council Rep (1)**  
Vacancy

**Inspector of Animals (State App't.)(1)**  
Michael L. McClay

**Inspector of Plumbing & Gas (1)**  
Stanley Greenleaf  
Richard A. DeGiorgis, Alt.

**Inspector of Wiring (1)**  
John M. Broderick  
Ronald A. Smith, Alt.

Brian Smith, Alt.

**Insurance Advisory Committee**  
(no terms of expiration)  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Victoria M. Sedgwick  
Vacancy  
Sandra J. Albano ex-officio  
Sharon M. Messenger ex-officio

**Librarian (1)**  
Robert Defazio

**Licensing Board**  
Select Board

**Local Census Liaison**  
Deborah J. Merry

**Mass Broadband Institute**  
Vacancy

**Memorial Day Committee (1)**  
Robert J. Dassat, Chair  
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.  
James Harris  
James D. Slater  
Corey A. White  
George D. White  
2 Vacancies

**Municipal ADA Coordinator (1)**  
Vacancy

**Mobile Home Park Rent**  
Control Board (5 Years)  
(Select Board members 3 Years)  
Select Board

**Old Dalton High School  
Advisory Committee**  
Robert W. Bishop, Jr., Chairman  
Thomas J. Callahan, Jr.  
Cheryl D. Rose  
Joseph H. Bosworth  
James M. Scalise II  
Judith L. Douville  
John E. Gray

**Parking Clerk (1)**  
Rebecca Whitaker

**Parks Commission**  
Select Board

**Planning Board Associate (1)**  
Vacancy

**Playing Fields & Parks Study  
Committee (1) (9 members)**

Dustin J. Belcher  
Kevin J. Boino  
Mary R. Cherry  
Caleb J. Darby  
Patricia G. Guild  
Matthew P. Morrison  
Kenneth Pease  
2 vacancies

**Police Matrons (1)**  
Melissa A. Phelps-Utter  
Vacancy

**Police Sergeant (3)**  
Christopher J. Furlong (2019)

**Public Safety Official**  
Vacancy

**Right to Know Coordinator**  
Vacancy

**Sealer of Weights & Measures (1)**  
Vacancy

**Sewer Commission**  
Select Board

**Stormwater Management  
Commission (3)**  
Richard G. Haupt retired 8/5/16  
John W. Roughley, ex-officio  
Thomas W. Baker (2019)  
Edward Fahey (2019)  
Joseph H. Farrington (2019)  
Edward F. Gero (2017)  
Edward Holub, Chairman (2017)  
Dennis Regan (2018)  
Vacancy

**Town Counsel (1)**  
K P LAW, P.C.

**Traffic Commission (1)**  
Daniel D. Filiault, Chairman  
Camillus B. Cachat, Jr.  
Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr.  
Michael J. Cimini  
Jeffrey E. Coe  
William A. Drosehn III  
Adelard J. Nadeau

**Tree Warden (1)**  
John W. Roughley

**Veterans Agent (1)**  
Rosanne M. Frieri

**Veterans Burial Agent (1)**  
Rosanne M. Frieri

**Veterans Service Officer**  
Sandra J. Albano  
Kenneth E. Walto, Alternate

**Voluntary Web Master (1)**  
William E. Chabot

## SELECT BOARD

**John W. Bartels, Jr., Chairperson**

2016, as usual, was an active year for the Town of Dalton and the Select Board. In general, we held 23 regular and special sessions of the Board. Annual Town Meeting was conducted in May as well as two Special Town Meetings; one in June and the other in November. We also had three Public Hearings this year: two hearings for the Old Dalton High disposition in the Spring and in the Fall, and one hearing in the Summer for the Dalton Division Road reconstruction project. After annual Town Elections in May, I was re-elected and we welcomed Mr. Marc Strout to the Board. At that time we saw Mr. John Boyle leave the Board. I would like to thank Mr. Boyle for the knowledge of Town Government he continually shared with the Board, as well as his dedication to service and never ending loyalty in the best interest of our great Town. Shortly after the Town Election the Select Board conducted its annual reorganization. Mrs. Mary Cherry stepped down as Vice Chair and Mr. Robert Bishop became our new Vice Chair. I retained the position of Chair for the Board, but stated that we would revisit the reorganization of the Board again in December. With that said, at the first meeting of the Board in January, 2017 I stepped down as Board Chair after serving nineteen months in the position. Upon doing so, Mr. Bishop became our Chair and Mr. Strout assumed the position of our Vice Chair. I know both will do a fine job.

After years of many meetings, letter writings, public hearings and debates, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Project ended formally on May 23, 2016 with the company withdrawing its application for the project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In its letter to the FERC, Tennessee Gas Company's reason for doing so was "a result of inadequate capacity commitments from prospective customers and a determination that the Project {was} uneconomic." I would like to thank all of those in our town who worked on this matter and a special thanks to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) who coordinated all the work done with the affected towns in our County. We would have been at a loss without them.

While the NED pipeline matter was ending, the disposition of the Old Dalton High School at 120 First Street was gearing up. With the project that Berkshire Housing proposed for the building and grounds rescinded at Special Town meeting in 2015, the need to determine the school's fate was necessary; this has been nearly a twenty year debate. To this end, a public hearing was held on the subject followed by the creation of a commission to study the issue. This seven member commission is chaired by our Select Board member, Robert Bishop. The Old Dalton High Advisory Committee studied the matter of the Old Dalton High for most of the year and reported back to the Select Board, and the Town, with several options to be considered. At this point two more informational meetings will be held for the Town's residents prior to Annual Town Meeting. At our May Annual Town Meeting, 2017, a disposition will be voted on. Thanks to Bob and his committee for their hard work over the past year. Great job!

Our roads became a focus of interest during the past year. The Housatonic Street reconstruction project, which has been in the making for nearly 20 years,

has completed its first year of road work. The work turned out to be extremely involved and caused major inconveniences to motorists and anxiety to the residents on and around Housatonic St. The bright light with regard to this is that the project is slated to be completed this upcoming construction season, 2017. The result of the reconstruction will be a more attractive roadway lending to safer use for pedestrians and motorists.

The Dalton Division Road reconstruction project is now in its beginning stages of development. At this point the roadway has been accepted in the Commonwealth's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This is a multi-million dollar project which will be funded with Federal and State money as was the Housatonic St. project. However, the Town will be responsible for the engineering costs for the project which at this time are estimated to be between \$600,000 and \$800,000. As was stated previously, we held a public hearing on the project in order to explain the initial details of the construction and to hear concerns and suggestions from the road's residents and the public in general. The hearing was well attended.

To finish out the year with regard to our roads, we were awarded a grant from the Commonwealth's Complete Streets Program. The grant was accepted by the Select Board in December of 2016 in the amount of \$400,000. The purpose of the grant is to improve Town roadways for traffic and pedestrian use. Our Traffic Commission, chaired by Mr. Daniel Filiault, was tasked to study and make project suggestions for the use of the grant funds. The Traffic Commission worked closely with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission throughout the study and grant application process. Special thanks are extended to the BRPC for their technical assistance and their grant writing expertise in support of obtaining the grant. The result of the two Commissions' work was the funds obtained being used for sidewalk improvement and construction on the entire length of High St. and on Field St. Extension. I would like to thank Mr. Filiault and his commission for not only taking on this task, but for their future continued effort in monitoring the project's construction in the months to come.

At the end of 2015 the Town purchased a 41 acre tract of land off of High St. and Pleasant St. known as "The Pines" (known to many others as "Happy Land"). At the time of this purchase it was hoped that the cost would be offset by the Town selling the Town Forest on North Mt. The Town Forest is about 100 acres off of Chalet Rd. which is landlocked by land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. After nearly a year, the Commonwealth's Department of Fish and Game agreed to purchase the property, November of 2016. The proceeds of the sale will more than offset the cost of the purchase of The Pines.

In July of 2016, the Central Berkshire Regional School District was accepted and invited by Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), to begin the process of obtaining funding for the renovation or the building of a new Wahconah Regional High School. In September of this year, per the procedures of the MSBA, the Wahconah Building Project Committee was formed. It is comprised of 26 members representing all seven towns in the School District, student body and town governments. I am a member of the committee. The first task of the

committee was to arrange for a Feasibility Study. This study will be approved, or not approved, by popular vote of all registered voters in all seven towns. The study determines building options for the district to consider. The best option, or options, will then be voted on by the towns in the same manner as the Feasibility Study. The entire process takes several years, but it must be followed in order to obtain reimbursement for the Towns'/District's costs from the MSBA; that being approximately 54% of the total cost. This project is an important one and impacts all residents in our School District. It is my hope that all voters are able to take part in the decision making process.

The preceding paragraphs highlighted the year's events that the Select Board was engaged in. I think it's important to consider the daily, and yearly, matters of the Board. In the beginning months of the year we prepare and approve Town Department operational and capital budgets in preparation for Annual Town Meeting. Throughout the course of the year we act as the Licensing Board, Parks Commissioners, Sewer Commission and Rent Control Board for the Town. Also, during a three year cycle which this past year was that third year, the Select Board engages in negotiations with the various collective bargaining units, e.g. Police Department, Highway Department and Communications Department. Lastly, on a more unscheduled basis our Board will meet with regard to constituent and employee related matters such as concerns and grievances. Our Board's duties are diverse, complicated and many. Each Select Board member plays a vital role in keeping the wheels of our Town's government moving, although at times slowly, always forward.

In closing I want to thank those who made up our team in the Select Board office. First, and foremost, are the members of the Select Board; Mr. Robert Bishop, Mrs. Mary Cherry, Mr. Michael Szklasz and Mr. Marc Strout. Their dedication and hard work over the past year was greatly appreciated. We worked well as a team. We may not have always agreed with each other, but everyone always stood behind the collective decision of the Board on the many issues we dealt with during the year. I could not have asked for anything more. Equal thanks are extended to Mr. Kenneth Walto, Dalton Town Manager. Mr. Walto was there to guide me and the board whenever asked. His knowledge of Town business and the laws of government are unequalled. He is a key player in the success of Town activities and not given the credit he is so often due. Lastly, my thanks go out to our support staff; Administrative Assistant Mrs. Judy Wagner and Recording Secretary Mrs. Sarah Frankland. Their efforts never go unnoticed and are very much appreciated; we thank you.

## **TOWN MANAGER**

**Kenneth E. Walto**

In Two Thousand and Sixteen, the financial distress engendered by the “Great Recession” finally abated. Several important projects moved forward while planning continued for others. New projects were undertaken. Important positions were filled. Three town meetings decided important issues.

At the Annual Town meeting in May, a \$16.2 million budget was approved including \$8.7 million for education. The town’s budget and the school’s budget, together, saw less than a 1% increase. These modest budgetary increases coupled with a significant increase in Free Cash allowed for the deposit of \$350,000 to various reserve accounts, and \$400,000 to the OPEB, Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust.

In other significant Annual Town Meeting actions, a zoning by-law amendment was adopted authorizing large photovoltaic systems in R-4 Residential Zones with Planning Board approval. A citizens’ petition calling for the elimination of compensation for members of the Select Board was defeated. Cost of living raises were authorized for union and non-union employees. And late fees for payment of tax bills were doubled.

A Capital Budget of \$670,000 was approved at the Special Town Meeting in June: \$65,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund and a borrowing authorization of \$605,000. Several major items were funded: a 5-ton dump truck, playground equipment for Pine Grove Park, sewer and drainage projects on Flansburg Avenue and Housatonic Street and a new Fire Alarm System for the Town Hall.

Also at the June Town Meeting, voters approved a reduction in the term of Planning Board members from five to three years; and approved a ten year Tax Increment Financing deal with the owners of the Stationery Factory.

In April, the Select Board established the Old Dalton High Advisory Committee to review the options for disposition of the school in the wake of the December of 2016 Special Town Meeting convened by a Citizens’ Petition that overturned a previous Annual Town Meeting vote to sell the building for affordable housing. The committee met frequently submitting a draft report to the Select Board in October which was presented at a Special Town Meeting in November.

In other actions at the November meeting, voters approved a \$190,000 borrowing to fix the interceptor sewer crossing the Housatonic River in the vicinity of the River Run apartments and rejected authorizing the Sewer Commission to levy “Betterment Assessments” for the Housatonic Street sewer work approved at the June Special Town Meeting. The Town Budget was reduced by \$90,000 due to lower than expected enrollments in Vocational Education.

Significant projects continued to progress. After two rounds of bidding in 2015, Allegrone Construction was awarded the contract for the Hoose House restoration. Restoration began in the fall of 2015 and was completed in late summer 2016.

Housatonic Street reconstruction was awarded by the state in the fall of 2015



for \$10.5 million to Baltazar Construction. Construction commenced in the spring of 2016.

In December of 2014, Dalton became a state designated “Green Community” with an initial grant of over \$142,000. The Town is now working on implementing the “Energy Reduction Plan” adopted by the Select Board as part of the process. A landfill solar project, awarded to General Electric in the fall of 2015, was expected to be complete by the end of 2016. However, Eversource estimated inter-connection costs that were deemed by GE to be excessive and the project was withdrawn. An energy audit was completed which outlined energy conservation improvements primarily to the Town Hall and Senior Center. LED lighting replacement projects were on tap for the Town Hall and Library.

An Infiltration and Inflow study of the Town sewer system was completed by Tighe and Bond in December. A drainage improvement construction contract for Flansburg Avenue, awarded in the fall, will be constructed in the Spring of 2017. Sewer laterals were installed on Housatonic Street as part of the roadway reconstruction.

2016 saw Dalton Division Road prioritized for reconstruction. The Town initiated the project with a submittal to MassDOT in April demonstrating project need and subsequently holding a public information session in September. In November, MassDOT responded with a confirmation that the project is eligible for Federal Aid highway funding and formally assigned a project number. That is significant because the state and Federal governments would pay for 100% of the estimated \$10 million construction cost. The Town would be responsible for design, planning and engineering and Right of Way acquisition which is estimated to be \$800,000.

The May elections saw the departure of long time Selectman, John Boyle as Marc Strout was elected in his place. I thank John for his many years of dedicated service and hope that he will consider another run soon. Marc quickly adapted to life as one of the Town’s Chief Elected Officials. His affable demeanor well compliments Select Board members Mary Cherry, Michael Szklasz, Bob Bishop and John Bartels.

In July, the Town began an experiment with a shared Building Inspections program with the Town of Adams. Adams Building Commissioner, Don Torrico, was named Dalton’s Building Commissioner. He has recruited several other “Local Inspectors” to assist him.

In November, Rebecca, “Becky” Slick was appointed Town Planner. Her previous work in the Town of Lee’s Building Department and experience in the private sector well suit her to her new responsibilities.

I thank the town’s employees whose continued dedication and cooperation is evident in the smoothly functioning municipal government. Likewise, I thank the town’s many boards and commissions that labor without compensation for love of the community.

I also thank the Select Board for its continued support. The Town Manager form of government cannot work well without the close and continuing collaboration of the Select Board and Town Manager.

Lastly, I express my gratitude to our still relatively new, but now well-seasoned, Administrative Assistant, Judy Wagner, and our Recording Secretary, Sarah Frankland, who for more than ten years has taught me about Senior Power. They both continually perform “above and beyond the call of duty”.

I cannot conclude my report without remembering Moderator Ron Marcella who passed away in March. Ron was both a mentor and friend to me teaching me the ways of Dalton Town government. I have a picture of him on my desk which I continue look to when in need of inspiration and support.

# TOWN OF DALTON DEPARTMENTAL GRANTS 2016

<b>Council on Aging</b>		
1-25-16 Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation		2,000
1-25-16 Grant from MA Association of Councils on Aging		1,798
4-11-16 Elder Services of Berkshire County		2,500
11-9-15 MA Formula Grant for 2016		15,111
<b>Cultural Council</b>		
11-7-16 Local Allocation from MA Cultural Council (Grant)		4,600
<b>Dalton Free Public Library</b>		
1-11-16 Katharine L.W. and Winthrop M. Crane Charitable Foundation		2,500
Central Berkshire Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation		2,500
7-25-16 Donation in Memory of William Landry		265
12-14-16 MA Library Board of Library Comm. FY17, State Aid for Library Programs		10,561
<b>Emergency Management</b>		
1-11-16 Massachusetts Emergency Mgt. Agency (MEMA)		2,460
10-24-16 Mass DOT - Highway Division		2,460
<b>Traffic Commission/HighwayDepartment</b>		
9-12-16 Mass DOT Highway Division/Com Complete Streets		33,514
12-12-16 Mass DOT Highway Division/Complete Streets		400,000
11-12-16 Mass DOT Chapter 90 Local Aid Transportation		226,270
<b>Communications Center</b>		
4-28-16 State 911 Department Training & EMO Regulatory Compliance Grant		10,000
10-26-16 State 911 Office of Public Safety & Security Support & Incentive		127,939
<b>Police Department</b>		
1-25-16 Berkshire County District Attorney's Office Gift of Office Furniture	Gift	
10-24-16 Bureau of Justice Assistance Bullet Proof Vests Partnership (PVP)		4,770
<b>Town Manager/Select Board</b>		
12-12-16 Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association		6,500

## DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman**

The Development and Industrial Commission (DIC) is the town's principal economic development agency. It was established at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. Massachusetts law empowers the commission to "promote and develop the industrial resources of the town" and to "investigate and assist in the establishment of educational or commercial projects for the purpose of strengthening the local economy." In June of 2009, the town approved the creation of the Dalton Redevelopment Authority (DRA), a special purpose economic development agency. Redevelopment Authorities have broad powers to undertake community renewal projects including clean up of so called Brownfield sites. Five members of the DIC act as members of the DRA, one of which is the Governor's appointment.

Subsequent to the successful clean up and sale of 339 North Street, the next brownfield project the Redevelopment Authority looked at was the former Warren Landfill which has been in tax title for many years. A Phase I Environmental Study was completed in December of 2015. During several meetings, the board considered the pros and cons of acquiring the property through the tax title foreclosure process, which exempts the Town temporarily for liability for clean-up. Finally, it was determined that such a move would be unreasonably risky as it is unlikely that the land will ever be sold.

During the year, the Board continued to participate in the updating of the Dalton Master Plan. The Plan contains a section on the economy and economic development. The Plan was finalized in the middle of the year. Several important economic development objectives were outlined: *Retain and encourage growth of Dalton's existing businesses, Increase commercial industries in Town, Promote business development, Support small business startups, Promote the Town for new service oriented businesses, Maintain farming and agriculture, Increase tourism and recreation, Support the development of high-tech companies, Support the education of residents and Promote the quality of life in Dalton.* Under each objective are several potential projects. The Commission has been actively reviewing projects with the idea of selecting those most worthy of attention for implementation.

Over the course of the year, the Commission met with representatives of One Berkshire and the state's Western Mass Office of Business Development to promote working relationships with those agencies. The Commission also participated in efforts to develop a solar array on the closed landfill with General Electric and supported redevelopment of the old Dalton High School. It reviewed several special permit applications of the Board of Appeals and Planning Board, with economic development implications.

Regarding membership, Isa Ali stepped forward to fill the DIC vacancy left by Stephen Sears. Tony Doyle has been recommended as the Governor's DRA Appointee and is awaiting confirmation. I thank all of the commission members

for their gift of time to the town. Their selfless efforts will help to insure the economic health of the community for years to come.

**Members of the Commission:**

Isa Ali

Robert M. Alessio

John F. Boyle\*

Charles J. Dooley, Vice-Chair\*

Attorney Tony Doyle - Gov. Appt. to DRA awaiting confirmation

Michael J. Ferry

J. Michael Hoffman

Donald R. Rochelo

Augustus J. Schnopp, Jr.

Susan C. Vigeant\*

Kenneth E. Walto, Chairman\*

***\* Members serving on Redevelopment Authority***

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & STATE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

**Micheal L. McClay**

The Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector is under supervision of the Chief of Police. Michael McClay of Dalton is our Animal Control Officer as well as our Animal Inspector. Regular scheduled hours for Animal Control are Monday and Wednesday 8:30-3:00 pm and Thursday 8:00-3:00. ACO McClay is also on call and will respond to emergency calls by contacting dispatch at 684-0300.

Emergency calls consist of an animal hit by a vehicle or aggressive dogs. Barking dog complaints and loose dogs are not necessarily emergencies. Police Officers will respond to calls of a non-emergency nature and will inform ACO McClay of their findings during non-business hours. It is important to keep all dogs properly licensed so if found loose, it can be quickly return to the owner.

The Animal Inspector is responsible for completing the State Barn Book consisting of inspections of barns, counting of livestock and making sure animals are current on vaccinations. These reports are due by January and are usually completed each November.

Rabies will continue to be monitored and all residents are reminded that all dogs over the age of 6 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies and licensed within Dalton. State Law also requires all cats over the age of 6 months must also be vaccinated for rabies.

### **2016 Citations**

Citations issued:	220
(may have multiple violations per citation)	
Failure to License	165
Failure to Vaccinate	74
Failure to Restraint	11
Filed in Court	0
Dogs licensed	1149
FY16 Citations Amounts received:	4,780
ACO Calls:	296

1. The licensing period in Dalton is January 1St to December 31St of each calendar year. New residents to Dalton shall license their dogs upon taking up residency in Dalton even if the animal was licensed in the previous jurisdiction for rabies and tracking reasons per state law.
2. The fine schedule established for 2017 as follows:
  - a. \$20.00 for spayed/neutered dogs
  - b. \$25.00 without proof of spaying/neutering
3. Late Fees - February 1st - \$ 10.00 each
4. Failure to License Citations - April 1, 2016 - \$ 50.00 each

A complete copy of The Town of Dalton Animal Control Bylaws can be found on the Town of Dalton website. [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov)

## BOARD OF APPEALS

**Anthony P. Doyle, Chairman**

The Dalton Board of Appeals (also known as the ZBA) is created by authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A section 12. Board members are not elected. The Select board appoints regular members for three-year terms. The terms are staggered so that the term of one member expires each year. Two alternate members may be appointed annually to one-year terms.

Dalton has a three-member board, which requires that all favorable decisions must be unanimous otherwise they are considered denied. Two alternate members are available to sit on the board, in place of a regular member, who may be absent or have a conflict of interest with a case before the board.

Current Board Members are:

Anthony P. Doyle	Chairman
Stephen J. Psutka	Vice-Chairman
Edward F. Gero	Clerk
Mary E. Lamke	Alternate

The recording secretary is Debra Goddeau

The town Planner, who assists the board, is Rebecca Slick

By statutory authority the board is:

1. To hear and decide appeals based on inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative officer under the provision of MGLA chapter 40A, by the regional planning agency, or by any person including an officer or board of the town aggrieved by an order or decision of the inspector of buildings, or other administrative official.
2. To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the board is empowered to act under the town's Zoning by-laws.
3. To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in MGLA chapter 40A section 10.
4. To hear and decide appeals from decisions of a zoning administrator, in accordance with MGLA chapter 40A section 13.

During the 2016 calendar year the board held seven public hearings. Four were hearings for special permits and two were hearings for variance and one hearing was an administrative appeal.

The board generally meets at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Occasionally a special meeting is held to accommodate scheduling problems. Notices of all the board meetings, and agendas, are posted in town hall and the town web site. All meetings are open to the public.



## DALTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### **Laura L. Maffuccio, Principal Assessor/Chair**

The Board of Assessors, together with the other Town officials, received timely certification from the Department of Revenue to set the tax rate for FY 2017. The Town's total taxable property valuation decreased from \$595,474,465 in FY 2016 to \$592,710,596 in FY 2017. Every year our values need to be certified by the Department of Revenue, and therefore, interim adjustments are completed every year.

As part of the Municipal Modernization Act, the Department of Revenue Revaluation Certification has changed from every three years to every five years. During this transition, the revaluation years will vary. Our last revaluation was in FY 2016. The Town of Dalton's next revaluation will be in 2020. As part of this process, the Department of Revenue oversees our valuation process by requiring data analyses, conducting random site inspections, reviewing reports and information, and verifying we are performing our duties in accordance with state mandates.

As in previous years, we will be contacting property owners to set up appointments for cyclical inspections, as well as permit inspections. The Board asks for your continued cooperation. Along with sales analyses, these inspections serve to make our valuation process uniform.

The Board would again like to remind senior homeowners that they may apply for an exemption if they meet certain criteria. Eligibility includes meeting specific age, ownership, residency, income and asset requirements. There are also exemptions for eligible veterans, surviving spouses, and the legally blind. You may contact the Assessors for more information. Our office hours are Monday – Wednesday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The Board of Assessors include Laura L Maffuccio, Principal Assessor / Chairperson, W David Zagorski, and Jean M Boudreau. All three Assessors have earned their designation as Massachusetts Accredited Assessors. Jean is our newly appointed Assessor to the Dalton Board. With many years of experience, she also serves on the Town of Worthington Board of Assessors. We thank our Assessors' Clerk, Heather K DuRant, for her assistance in managing daily office procedures.

### **Statistical Report for the year as follows:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Town Tax Rate</b>	<b>Fire District Tax Rate</b>	<b>Valuations</b>	<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>
2017	\$ 19.87	\$ 1.09	\$ 592,710,596.00	\$ 11,777,159.54
2016	\$ 19.63	\$ 0.98	\$ 595,474,465.00	\$ 11,689,163.75
2015	\$ 19.47	\$ 0.79	\$ 590,091,316.00	\$ 11,489,078.00
2014	\$ 18.51	\$ 0.79	\$ 593,398,192.00	\$ 10,983,800.54
2013	\$ 18.12	\$ 0.71	\$ 593,936,009.00	\$ 10,762,120.48
2012	\$ 17.41	\$ 0.70	\$ 604,889,342.00	\$ 10,531,123.45
2011	\$ 17.38	\$ 0.70	\$ 592,354,137.00	\$ 10,295,114.91

<b>Tax Levy Calculation</b>	<b>Fiscal 2016</b>	<b>Fiscal 2017</b>
Total Amount to be Raised	\$ 16,226,286.03	\$ 16,401,801.54
Minus Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$ 4,537,122.28	\$ 4,624,642.00
Equals Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 11,689,163.75	\$ 11,777,159.54
Divide by Property Valuation	\$595,474,465.00	\$592,710,596.00
Equals Tax Rate	\$19.63	\$19.87

#### **Motor Vehicle Excise**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Bills</b>	<b>Excise</b>
2016	7321	\$837,159.00
2015	7432	\$812,069.00
2014	7197	\$793,354.00
2013	7216	\$723,269.00
2012	7385	\$728,904.00
2011	7474	\$711,709.00

#### **Exemptions Granted to Seniors & Veterans**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. Granted</b>	<b>Total Abated Amount</b>
2017	83	\$43,588.74 to date
2016	86	\$41,681.86
2015	74	\$37,691.85
2014	76	\$38,720.22
2013	74	\$37,370.80
2012	72	\$37,195.80
2011	78	\$38,300.00

## **TOWN MODERATOR**

**Anthony P. Doyle**

The town moderator is an elected position and stands for election annually. The moderator's duties are enumerated in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Sections 15 and 17 as well as the By-Laws of the Town of Dalton.

The primary function of the moderator is to conduct the annual town meeting (and the Fire District meeting) in conformance with the appropriate rules of procedure. Dalton has specifically adopted Parliamentary Rules that are set forth in "Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law" written in 1963. This is "not" Robert's Rules of Order that most people are familiar with.

It is the moderator's duty to conduct the meetings in compliance with the Rules and to assure that a fair and orderly meeting is conducted with the opportunity for all to participate. The meetings are limited to the specific issues that are presented in the "Warrant" that called the meeting. Dalton has one annual town meeting, usually set for the first Monday in May and may schedule other "special meetings" throughout the year, as the need arises.

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Members: **Elizabeth A. Erb**, *Chairman*  
**Michele T. Blake**  
**Doreen Aleshevich**

**Deborah J. Merry**, *Town Clerk*  
*Elections Administrator*  
*Supervisor, Board of Registrars*

In 2016, we conducted Special Registration Sessions prior to the May 2, Annual Town Meeting, the May 9 Annual Town Election, Scheduled 2016 Special Registration Sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Additional Special Registration Sessions will be scheduled as required. All registration sessions are held in the office of the Town Clerk. The place of voting will remain at the Community House for both precincts as there is a ramp and handicap parking located at the rear of the building.

The Board registered and processed new voters plus address changes on existing active and inactive voters, checked several thousand signatures for certification on the many Initiative Petitions/Public Policy Questions and Nomination Papers in circulation in 2016; and deleted inactive (moved or deceased) voters. Our computerized program enabled us to complete this arduous task in a timely and efficient manner, transmitting totals to the Secretary of State automatically.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that when signing nomination papers or petitions, please keep the following in mind: 1. Sign only if you are a registered voter. 2. Sign your name and your residential address as listed on our census records (no post office boxes are allowed). 3. If you have poor penmanship, print your name in the same box with your signature, as an undistinguishable signature cannot be certified. 4. Do not sign your spouse's name or any name other than your own. Also, if you move, please inform the Town Clerk so that we will change our records and notify you of any precinct changes. If any of your family members are not registered to vote, please encourage them to do so.

We are currently online with the Secretary of State, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and all cities and towns in Massachusetts as part of a computerized Central Voter Registry, the first in the nation. Since 1997, we have used VRIS exclusively for both census and voter registration functions. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at the Post Office, the Library, Wahconah Regional High School, the Council on Aging, as well as at the Town Clerk's office.

We thank Dalton residents for their excellent response in returning the local census forms mailed late December/early January of each year. The majority of citizens return in a prompt and cooperative manner which we greatly appreciate, allowing us to achieve the highest possible level of accuracy.

RESIDENT'S VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx)

## STORM WATER COMMISSION

### **John Roughley, Chairman**

The Storm Water Commission met ten times throughout 2016. A creation of the Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Bylaw of 2006, the Commission is charged with the regulation of discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system ("MS4" for short) in order to protect and safeguard the public health, safety welfare and environment. The Commission's attention to MS4 issues ensures the town's compliance with the federally administered (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES" for short). This program is mandated by Dalton's proximity to the City of Pittsfield. In brief, these programs are intended to ensure that the waters that flow through the Town of Dalton are kept as clean as possible by the implementation of Best Management Practices which minimize the discharge of pollutants to the MS4. These guidelines are being reviewed under the direction of Melissa Provencher, the Berkshire Regional Planning Representative who is facilitating the Commission's understanding of the new regulations.

In addition to attention to MS4 and NPDES, the Commission was asked to look at the ongoing issue of Infiltration and Inflow to the Sewer System which is ultimately processed by the City of Pittsfield. For many years, this system has been quite porous so that the amount of water handled in Pittsfield spikes dramatically during rain events. After considerable review of the options the Town has hired the engineering firm Tighe & Bond to do an Infiltration and Inflow analysis. This analysis consists of sewer manhole inspections, wastewater flow monitoring through these manholes and ground water infiltration throughout the sewer system. The analysis is still underway at this time and upon completion will be presented to the Select Board with options to further satisfy the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection.

I would like to thank the employees, consultants, and volunteers for their help over the last year. Without their participation, the Commission could not operate. Also critical is the administrative assistance provided by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The Commission would like to thank Chairman Richard Haupt who retired in August, for his support and direction. A special thank you also goes out to our recording secretary, Sarah Frankland, for always posting timely meeting agendas and producing accurate meeting minutes for the Commission.



## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

**Annmarie Cicchetti, Chairperson**

The Dalton Beautification Commission, established in 2001, has completed its 15th year of service to the community. In response to suggestions by local residents that Dalton might enhance its already attractive town with floral displays, the Select Board created The Beautification Commission. The DBC, plans, designs, purchases, plants and maintains four in-ground garden areas along Dalton's Main Street, as well as flower-filled baskets adorning the windows of the Dalton Free Public Library and the Benjamin/Muraca Memorial Bridge.

Spring each year begins with the DBC perennial bulb display of daffodils and tulips in medians at the intersections of Main and North Street, East and Old Windsor Road, curbside at 707 Main Street and in a mini-garden fronting South Street. Our perennial rose bushes begin blooming in May, and the DBC starts planting annuals once the fear of frost is over, shortly after Memorial Day. The DBC was unable to decorate the Memorial Bridge for two years past because of the poor condition of the bridge, but the MA Highway Dept Bridge Unit has begun a restoration project, slated for completion by summer 2017, making it possible once again to place baskets on this bridge, honoring our local heroes.

The funding source for the DBC activities is a small stipend from the Town, augmented by donations from citizens, encouraging DBC efforts. The DBC appreciates support from local businesses that donate or sell necessary materials at discounted price helping to keep costs within budget. Thanks to LPAdams, Holiday Brook Farm, for their donations and to Blossoming Acres at the Farmers' Market and Jaeschke's Fruit and Flowers for their discount. Also, thanks to the Dalton Highway Dept. for its help with storing our baskets over the winter and returning them at springtime. Additionally, the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department waters our gardens weekly, as needed, to keep our colorful displays happy.

An all volunteer organization, the Dalton Beautification Commission relies

on the generosity of willing hands and hearts, to do all the necessary planning/implementation required to produce the beautiful gardens which, hopefully, bring great joy to the community. Dalton Beautification is blessed to have seven commission members: Arlene Cormier, Kathleen Desmarias, Peter Gonick, Angela MacDonough, Maureen Maxon, Jean Poopor [Secretary], Annmarie Cicchetti [Chairperson] and helping hands from Paula St.Dennis, Tracy Cahalan, Mary Levett, Susan Stephenson, Mary and Bill Walsh. The DBC is very happy to welcome our newest volunteer, Mark Donovan.

The 2016 growing season was off to a great start, thanks to Mother Nature giving adequate rainfall during early June planting, even though the summer was a dry one. The “Black Gold” from Holiday Farm, refreshes the soil for our in-ground plantings, allowing soil recovery from the salt and sand necessary for use in roadways during winter. We look forward to an early and sustained springtime 2017 and a glorious summer season.

For additional information on Dalton Beautification, please see the Town’s web site or contact any DBC member. Volunteers are always welcome.



## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Local boards of health in Massachusetts are required by state laws and regulations to perform many crucial and important duties relative to the protection of the public health, control of disease, promotion of sanitary living conditions and the protection of the environment from pollution.

The Dalton Board of Health consists of four appointed volunteer members. Public meetings are held at 4PM on the first Monday of each month in the Callahan Room at Town Hall. Current members of the board are Chairman Rich O'Brien, Ed Gero, Dr. Dan Doyle, Drew Finn and Alyce Kendrick.

## **HEALTH AGENT**

The Town employs a part-time Health Agent 3 days a week to act on behalf of the Board of Health who is responsible for enforcing all state and local Health regulations. Edward Fahey, a registered sanitarian, performs public housing, pool and restaurant inspections as well as reviews designs for the construction and repair of septic systems and private wells. Duties of the Health Agent also include investigating improper disposal of trash and public nuisance complaints.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday 8-5**

**Tuesday - 8-4:30**

**Wednesday CLOSED**

**Thursday 8-4:30**

**Friday - CLOSED**

If you have a need to contact the Board of Health please call 684-6111, ext. 20.

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

**Don R. Torrico, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer**

The following is the data for the town report for the calendar year of 2016.

**Total Permits issued: 291**

The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

Residential	212
Commercial	52
Signs	4
Solid Fuel Appliances	16
Sheetmetal	5
Tents (temporary structures)	2

The Building Safety Department is here to assist the public in all building and zoning inquiries. Please contact our department should you require any additional information or clarification pertaining to your project.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 10:30 am 2:30 pm

Thursday: 12:30 pm 3:30 pm

The building commissioner will be happy to schedule an appointment on other days and times as necessary. Please call 413-684-6111 x29.

## **COMMUNICATION CENTER**

**Gabrielle Taglieri**

The Dalton Communication Center has completed its 8th year at the Police Station. During this past year we have logged 19,741 calls. 1,455 of those calls were 911 and 878 were walk-ins to the Police Station.

The Communications Center again received a state 911 grant (The Support & Incentive Grant) in 2016 for \$127,939 to offset operating costs. We are able to receive this grant based on being a regional 911 dispatch center that handles 911 calls for the Towns of Dalton, Hinsdale, and Windsor. We will again be receiving a grant for 2017 for an amount close to \$128,000.

In addition to the Support & Incentive Grant the Dalton Communications Center received an additional grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 to be used for training purposes, and the installation of an Emergency Medical Dispatch program. This grant has been used to offset costs of training for dispatchers in compliance with new State mandated training, such as the E.M.D., 16 hours of continuing education annually, and a 40hr basic telecommunicator class required for new hires.

All town residents should remember that if you need any type of emergency services that you can go to the Communications Center 24/7/365. We are located in the lower level of the Town Hall building at the Police Station, on South Carson Ave. The doors are locked during non-business hours but are monitored by a camera and can be unlocked by the dispatcher on duty. There is a call box located on the left door to the Police Station which can be activated by pushing the call button. This will directly connect you to the dispatcher on duty.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Robert Bishop, Chairman

The past year has been relatively busy for the Conservation Commission. The Commission has attended many workshops to stay current with the ever-changing regulations.

There was little construction being done that encroached into wetland areas this past year. There is an increased citizen's awareness of both the need to protect the environment and the function of the Commission. In the spring of 2016, work began on the reconstruction of Housatonic Street, which will include wetlands being altered and replicated.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2016. The Commission welcomes conservation-concerned citizens to attend monthly meetings. The Commission's monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Crane Room of the Town Hall.

#### Commission Members

Robert Bishop, Chairman  
Thomas Baker, Vice-Chairman  
Cheryl Rose  
James Duffy  
Edward Gero  
Edward Holub  
Domenick Sacco

#### Associate Members

#### Statistics for 2016

Request for Det. of Applicability .... 7  
Hearings for Notices of Intent .... 2  
Certificates of Compliance .... 3  
Extension of Orders of Conditions .... 0  
Field Site Inspections .. 10  
Enforcement Orders .... 2  
Scenic Mt Act Violation .... 0  
Wetland Violations .... 0  
Emergency Permits .... 1

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

**Kelly M. Pizzi**

The Dalton Council on Aging (DCOA) serves community residents aged 55 and older, as well as persons with disabilities, addressing a wide spectrum of needs. Our goal is to provide seniors with opportunities and tools for healthy aging, improved access to benefits, community involvement, and maintain independence.

### **COUNCIL ON AGING:**

The Dalton Council on Aging, housed by the Dalton Senior Center is staffed by two full-time employees and five part-time employees. Kelly Pizzi Director, and Dorin Middlebrook Administrative Assistant and Transportation Coordinator, operate the Senior Center from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday with a closing time of 8:00 pm on Thursdays when evening events are scheduled. Part-time employees include Patricia “Pattie” Pero, Shine/Outreach Counselor, who holds office hours on Monday and Thursdays; and COA Transportation Program van drivers: John Bartels, John Aldrich Charles “Chuck” Gebauer and William “Bill” Walker.

### **THE DALTON SENIOR CENTER:**

The Dalton Senior Center is located at 40 Field Street Extension. We have had over 675 unduplicated seniors who have utilized the Senior Center throughout the year for exercise, recreation, nutrition, cultural, information and referral needs and health programs. In partnership with Elder Services, the Center hosts the nutritional Senior Lunch Program each Monday and Thursday. Soup & Sandwich is prepared onsite each Tuesday boasting of homemade soups and fresh salads and dessert. Over 2650 meals were served combined.

### **FUNDING:**

The Council on Aging and the Dalton Senior Center receives operational funding from the Town of Dalton of \$136,084; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides additional funding through a Formula Grant which is based on \$10.00 per elder resident for the amount of \$15,111; COA Van Revenue of \$10,935. Additional support is provided by the Friends of the Council on Aging including a \$4,000.00 grant from Berkshire Life Charitable Foundation to support the COA Transportation Program. Tax deductible donations were also made directly to the Council on Aging by the community in the amount of \$1622.

### **FEES:**

A two-dollar coupon fee is charged for programs with the exception of Elder Services Congregate Meal Program, special educational programs and celebration events (Veteran’s Lunch, 90+ Birthday, Holiday Party, and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner), support groups, Adult Color Club and AARP Tax Aide. The Café is free until 10:00 am.

### **PROGRAMS:**

#### ***Community:***

AARP Tax Aide Assistance

Bereavement Support Group

Bridges-Intergenerational program	Caregiver Support Group
Farmers Market Coupons	State Rep Hours: Paul Mark
Sunday Lunch	Triad
Veteran's Agent Office Hours	Veteran's History Project

LIFE Program (Living is for the Elderly) activity group offered to Craneville Place

***Special Programming:***

Special programming for the year began with a break from winter blues. A pot luck lunch and concert by Rakish Paddy brought some lively Irish music to the Center. The concert was funded by the Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging.

Celebrating the Seasons with Davis Bates, storyteller, was sponsored by the Dalton Cultural Council and we thank them for their opportunity to host this event in April.

In May the COA held a 90 + Birthday Party for Dalton Nonagenarians. Williams College has again generously donated Chef Gerry Byers and the meal who served 57 of our community's oldest citizens along with their caregivers and event volunteers.

The Motion Man (Pantomime entertainer) joined us again for an afternoon of delightful entertainment following Family Fun Field Day which was operated as a fundraiser by the Friends of the Dalton Council on Aging in September.

The Veteran's Lunch which was kicked off by the changing of the Flag Ceremony was held in November for Veteran's Day.

The Holiday Luncheon provided by Wingate Melbourne was highlighted with a special treat of the third grade choir from Craneville School.

Greater Grace Church of Lee Church came and entertained with music and song twice through the holidays.

***Ongoing & Weekly Programming:***

***Exercise:***

Osteo-Exercise – 3 times weekly  
Line Dancing     Shake Your Soul     Tai Chi

***Health:***

Foot Care Clinic	Flu Clinic	Blood Pressure Clinic
Bereavement Support Group		Memory Impaired/Caregiver Support Group

***Social Activities & Classes:***

Acrylic Painting	Bridge	Brunch with Ted
Adult Color Club	Coffee Cafe	Cribbage
Knitting/Crochet	Movie Night	Oil Painting
Pitch	Poetry	Quilting
		Travel Club

***NEW PROGRAMMING ADDED in 2016:***

Adult Color Club meets at 1:00 pm on Mondays following the Congregate Meal. Color Club is free and all are welcome. Materials are provided or bring your own.

IPAD & Cell Phone Training with Wahconah Honors Student (summer hours)  
Ask a Lawyer Mondays by appointment only



**SERVING THE HEALTH INFORMATION NEEDS OF ELDERS (SHINE):**

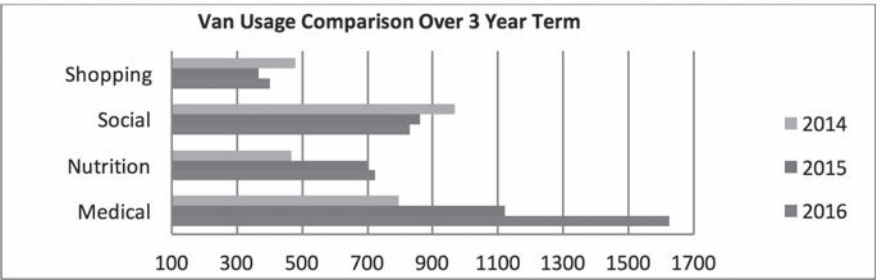
Patricia “Pattie” Pero is in her 30th year of outreach and wellness counseling. For the Dalton council on Aging, her 19 hour week is spent helping the town’s elders with their medical and prescription drug insurance, identifying and assisting at risk individuals and counseling seniors in matters of health and wellness. Nearly 20% of these residents are over the age of 85 and one third are persons with disabilities. 1127 contacts were made either by phone, in person at the senior center or at the home of the senior when the elder was unable to visit the Center. Financial benefits to seniors tally an estimated \$494,792. These savings come in the form of insurance rebates, correction of billing errors, facilitating more cost effective medical and prescription drug coverage and obtaining benefits for those who are unaware of their eligibility. Referrals are frequently made to assist in areas of: safety, Veterans Benefits, hospital and nursing home discharge plans, home healthcare insurance coverage, caregiver support, home repair facilitation and verbal financial and physical abuse situations.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Dalton is very fortunate to be able to offer transportation services which include chair-lift van service to our residents who are 60 and older, or disabled of any age. 79% of our riders have a disability or mobility issues preventing them from driving. Throughout 2016, the service was available Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) with appointments scheduled between the hours of 8 AM to 3 PM.

The door-to-door van service is available for medical appointments, shopping, grooming and other needs within Dalton and Pittsfield. On occasion, trips to the Berkshire Mall in Lanesborough are made when the schedule permits. Notice is required at least 24 business hours in advance. The fee is \$1.50 per trip/stop for COA & Senior Center events, and \$3.00 per trip/stop for all other rides.

During 2016, the Dalton COA van service provided 3576 rides. Demand for the Council on Aging transportation has been gradually increasing. Comparing critical access points between 2014, 2015 and 2016 reflects the change in ridership:



Rides for activities such as social and recreational have decreased which reflects health status decline for some, and also the increase in the need for medial rides.

We say that the transportation program is much more than transportation. In a letter of appreciation, Virginia Miller writes:

“Dear John [Aldrich], I want to thank you for saving me from falling out of the van door on Sept. 19th. If you remember, my leg gave out when I was getting in the van at the Hillcrest Family Health Center. You supported me while sending for help from the clinic employee. You did everything right and I certainly appreciated that. Sincerely, Virginia.”

#### **MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE HARD OF HEARING:**

The Dalton COA was pleased to be the recipient of Massachusetts Councils on Aging special grant funding to purchase Personal PA system at a steeply discounted price. This system allows the speaker to use a microphone and transmit to up to ten receivers allowing them to truly engage in the classes and events held at the Senior Center. Anyone needing this service must preregister as transmitters are limited.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Volunteers are the backbone of the services and programs provided by the COA. Ninety- six volunteers serve as committee members, gaming, computer and craft instructors; LIFE, cooks, dishwashers and meal servers, receptionists, office workers; videotaping and Bridges. Individuals wishing to donate time and knowledge can call the Senior Center to learn about opportunities. Current volunteer opportunities include: dishwashers and special event servers and back-up reception workers.

#### **VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT:**

Dalton Community Television preserves the histories of local veterans and individuals who supported the war(s) effort through videotaped interviews which are submitted to the Library of Congress. Members of all wars are encouraged to contact the Dalton Community Television station to preserve the history of war from a personal level.

#### **DALTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The Dalton Council on Aging Board is appointed for three year terms by the Dalton Select Board. The purpose of the Board is to advise and provide input regarding the response to increased or changing needs in the community. Members sit on five ad hoc committees which include Finance, Senior Housing, Strategic Planning, Building and Maintenance and Marketing/Community Relations.

#### ***2016 appointees are:***

Joyce Lacatell, Co-Chair  
John Rys, Treasurer  
Judith Brooks, Vice Chair  
Tracy Cahalan  
Tom Callahan, Jr  
MaryJane Duquette  
Jean Poopor  
Ralph Young  
Robert Dean\* (Outgoing)

Maureen Mitchell, Co-Chair  
Andrea Lassar, Secretary  
Marcia Brophy  
Margaret Cahill  
David DiNicola  
Gordine Galusha  
Holly Rogers\* (Incoming)

The 2016 Building and Maintenance Committee, appointed by the Select Board, is comprised of the COA Board, Friends of the COA and community members whose role is to recommend to the town building improvements; oversee issues pertaining to the building upkeep and repairs.

***These members include:***

Drew Finn, Chair (Community)	David DiNicola, Co-Chair (COA Board)
Carol Morrison, Clerk (Community)	Mary Lamke (Friends)
Maureen Mitchell (COA Board)	Tom Renak (Community)
Kelly Pizzi (COA)	

**FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING:**

The Friends of the Council on Aging is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization which is the fundraising arm of the COA. Fundraising activities this year were their annual letter fund-raising campaign, Family Fund Field Day and the Third Annual Craft Fair was held in the fall. The group funded the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. They also provided the funds to purchase the local gift cards for the annual holiday luncheon.

***2016 members include:***

Susan Jacobs, Chair	Doris Lamica, V. Chair
Judith Trumble, Treasurer	Mary Lamke, Clerk
Gail Gargon	Janet Claffe
Veronica Balardini	Helga Knappe
Marjorie Limburg	Al Nadeau
Catherine (Peter) Rivers	Carol Clayton

## CRA

**Alison Peters, Executive Director**

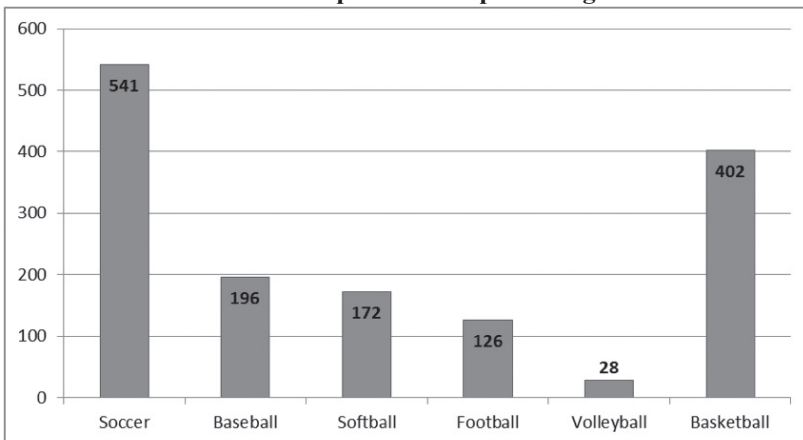
### Parks and Recreation

The town of Dalton has three great parks that are used by people all of ages: Pinegrove Park on Carson Avenue, Chamberlain Park on Chamberlain Avenue and Greenridge Park on South Street. These areas are highly utilized for a variety of activities, including:

- Youth sports leagues
- High school athletics
- Adult Co-ed softball
- Playground activities
- Family events
- Teen programs
- Picnics at the pavilion

Last year the Community Recreation Association (CRA) oversaw many activities in the parks, including the youth sports leagues for our town. Soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball are offered, with an emphasis on developing skills, sportsmanship and having fun. Focusing primarily on ages 5 to 14, the CRA saw 1,465 children participate in sports leagues in 2016. Adults like to get in on the fun, as well, and the co-ed softball league seems to fill that need. Running most nights of the week in the summer, the crack of the bat can be heard long after dark as the field lights illuminate the grounds and cheers can be heard around the field.

**2016 Youth Sports Participation Figures**



The CRA also provides many free family activities in the parks during the warm, summer nights. Activities range from bike rodeos and water games to literacy night and arts & crafts. Free concerts on the lawn and outdoor movies are also a summer tradition on the CRA's Memorial Lawn.

The CRA offers many teen programs and the parks provide a great venue for many of their activities. The Home Run Baseball program, which matches up high school students with special needs children, utilizes the Pinegrove Park diamond. You can find them on the field any Sunday afternoon in the autumn, where the smell of popcorn and the cheers of family and friends will warm your soul. The Little Buddies/Big Buddies mentoring program, where elementary students are matched up with a high school big buddy, uses the grounds for various games, the playground and picnics. The CRA also helps working families that need a safe, fun place for their children during school vacations, holidays and snow days. The “camps” program runs out of the youth center, but they make many visits to the park to release energy in the open space and on the playground.

Keep in mind that Pinegrove Park has a good sized pavilion that can be rented for a minimal fee for your next get together. Just stop in the CRA to reserve your spot!

Many of the programs offered in the Dalton parks are run by the dedicated staff of the CRA, but it takes hundreds of volunteers to make them successful. A heart-filled thank you goes out to all the volunteers who give of their time and energy to help our youth grow into strong young adults and make this a great town to live in.

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

**Donald Harris, Chair**

The Dalton Cultural Council's mission is to promote access, excellence, education and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all residents. The Massachusetts Cultural Council has overseen the Local Cultural Council Program since 1990. MCC receives funding from an annual state appropriation. Each year, the MCC distributes funds to LCCs; in turn, LCCs make grants to schools, organizations, and individuals in their communities. These funds are paid to successful applicants on a reimbursement basis.

Distributions to each LCC are based on a local aid formula devised by the state. The formula considers population and property values, and is weighted to give larger distributions to poorer communities.

In October of 2016, our cultural council received 21 applications for support of a wide variety of projects. The following projects were approved for funding in an amount totaling \$4,600 for FY 2017:

**FY 2017:**

Bates, Davis	\$450
Berkshire Music School	\$500
Craneville Elementary School	\$600
Dalton CRA	\$600
Lewis, Bernice	\$500
Mass Audubon Berkshire Sanctuaries	\$175
Nessacus Reg. MS PTO	\$500
Root, John	\$150
Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center/Aimee Gelinas	\$300
The Eagles Band Inc.	\$400
Theatre, WAM	\$125
Tincknell, Roger	\$300

The current members of the Dalton Cultural Council are: Jonathan Croy, Margaret Cahill, Donald Harris Chair, Kathleen Harris, Kellie Harris-Porter, and Jenna Ware, Thank you for your continued support of cultural programs in our community. We are looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact our Town Clerk.

## DALTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### **Robert DiFazio, Library Director**

The Library continues to be a growing center of the community. The Library circulated 51,506 items in 2016. This is the 4th consecutive year we've increased circulation. Our attendance for the year was 39,469, or approximately 22 people per hour open. Our Facebook page continues to grow in use, as does our website ([www.daltonlibrary.org](http://www.daltonlibrary.org)).

#### **Collections:**

We strive to build the most well rounded collection possible. It's our hope that we can provide something for everyone in our community. Along with our regular collection updates, we are continuing the work of reinvigorating our children's and young adult collections. This past year has seen us heavily updating the children's non-fiction and graphic novel collections. Our children's and young adult graphic novel collections have been an outstanding success. We were fortunate to receive a \$2,500 grant from the Katharine L.W. and Winthrop M. Crane 3D Charitable Foundation, allowing us to further expand those collections.

#### **Programs:**

The library continues to expand the number and diversity of its program offerings. We hope to further expansion in the coming year. Our most popular (and most fun) programming continues to be our pre-school age children's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) program Tuesdays at 10, and Storytime Thursdays at 10. Both programs are led by Wendy Provencher, and Assistant Librarian, Kathy Hoag. STEAM consists of a story, small snack, and an educational project. Storytime consists of several stories, a snack, and a craft project. We were once again fortunate to have the assistance of Kathryn Whitman and the St. Agnes first graders, who help our pre-school age attendees by reading stories, passing out snack, and help with the craft project.

For older children, we've been fortunate to establish a relationship with Jeanie Compter of Dalton's 2 Flights Up. We've had Jeannie begin teaching instructional painting classes that have been a huge success.

Our summer reading program continues to be wildly popular! We had close to 300 children participate in the program. We kicked the program off with a visit from Ed the Wizard, who uses illusions to encourage reading. The Friends of the Dalton Free Public Library once again provided the funding for an outstanding array of prizes (bribes!) to encourage children to sign up and read all summer long. Along with STEAM and Storytime, Pam Bachli conducted a 6 week art program.

We hosted numerous Craneville Elementary School classes for field trips. Those trips gave us the opportunity to show off the Library, get cards to any children who didn't already have them, and promote our summer reading program. Many more CBRSD teachers took advantage of the opportunity to borrow large quantities of books for various class projects.

Finally, we participated in Dalton's Light Up The Holidays. We hosted the Nessacus Middle School Band, passed out popcorn, and set up a children's craft station. Wendy Provencher, CFCE Coordinator at Central Berkshire Regional



School District provided hundreds of new children's books that she was on hand to pass out for free.

**Friends:**

The Friends group continues to provide a great deal of support and assistance to the library. This year, they've provided the funding for newspapers, museum passes, reading club books, and our summer reading program. They've accomplished this through membership dues, bake sales, and book sales. Without their generous support, the library would've been forced to go without a good deal of material. Beyond financial support, Friends members Dian Elser, Janet Claffie, and Helen Kimball combined to donate approximately 6 hours per week of their time to process our Interlibrary Loan transactions. With a small staff and tight budget, this is a critical gift to the library. Their time donation is the equivalent of the cost of approximately 300 new books!

**Personnel:**

The library staff continues to be our strongest asset. Assistant Director, Katherine Hoag, and staff members Helen Cultrera, Gladys Lofink, Pam Bachli and Kim Gwilt continue to serve our community. We've been fortunate to also have Amber Topping volunteering her time one evening per week.

Finally, I would like to recognize the hard work and donated time of the Library Board of Trustees. The Board is the elected governing body of the library, with legal responsibility for library funding, contents, policy, and service. The current Board members are: Fred Sears (Chairperson), Judith Douville (Vice Chairperson), Anne Ronayne (Recording Secretary), Max Ehrlich (Treasurer), Fred Sears, Joan Roy, Gail Pinna, Mark Rancourt, Mary Gingras, and Leo Quiles.

## **DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Susan I. Gregory, Executive Director**

**Board of Commissioners:**

Chairperson	Kathleen Burke	96 Curtis Ave.
Vice Chairperson	Kay Cimini	293 High St. #D-9
State Appointee	Tom Callahan (Pending)	306 North St.
Member	Thomas Snyder	91 Daly Ave.
Member	Nils E. Jacobsson	76 Dalton Division Rd.

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at 293 High Street. The Annual meeting is held on the second Monday of June.

Current programs are: 40 (one bedroom) units at Pomeroy Manor and 30 (one bedroom) and 1 (two bedroom) units at Pinegrove Manor under Chapter 667, low income elderly/disabled. We also have five, (three bedroom) units under Chapter 705, low-income families.

These are funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development in Boston. We have a long waiting list for our 667 elderly programs. We have short waiting list for the 705 family program. We are seeking local families and minorities for this program.

Eligibility criteria are under requirements adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Annual Income limits for one person household is \$46,000. Two person is 52,600.

Tenants in Senior Housing pay 30% of there adjusted income for rent which includes all utilities. Families pay 27% of adjusted income and pay their own utilities.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Daniel D. Filiault, Emergency Management Director**

The Dalton Emergency Management Department was created under State Law to coordinate the response to emergency situations that the town may face. Under the law the Town Manager and Select Board have the authority to appoint someone to oversee the management of the department. The Emergency Manager is tasked with overseeing the organization, administration and operation of the department.

The Emergency Management Department works with all departments within the community where needed.

The Emergency Manager coordinates the response to emergencies with State (MEMA) and Federal (FEMA) agencies as well as other communities within our area. In addition, the Emergency Manager seeks grants for services, materials and equipment that can be used to facilitate the operation of town departments.

In 2013 the Emergency Management Department introduced CodeRED a reverse 911 communications system to Dalton. This system allows the Emergency Services a multi-faceted way of communicating with the citizens of Dalton when an emergency occurs. The system has been used to notify the public for situations from road closures to warning of severe weather. It is an extremely important tool for the safety of the Community. Dalton pays for part of the cost associated with CodeRED through grants provided by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

You can sign up for CodeRED by going to the Town of Dalton website [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov). There is access to CodeRED under the Emergency Management site. You can register your home phone, cell phone, email, text and social media information at this site to receive CodeRED notifications. If you are already receiving CodeRED messages, then you do not have to register. However, if you want to add a number then you have to register that number at the site.

We can also help you register your information if needed. All information entered in the CodeRED system is protected and will not be used for anything other than CodeRED.

In 2015 we received a grant from MIIA to purchase and equip an Emergency Services Trailer to be used by the Police, Fire, Highway and Water departments where needed.

If you have questions or seek information on procedures to follow during emergencies the Dalton Emergency Management Department can be reached at [em@dalton-ma.gov](mailto:em@dalton-ma.gov) or by contacting us through our Facebook Page.

As Emergency Manager I want to express my gratitude to Chief Jeff Coe and Chief Gerry Cahalan for working closely with me and providing help and advice. The Town of Dalton is fortunate to have extremely dedicated and professional Police and Fire Departments. They are the first to respond to any calls, they are the ones we rely on when we have an emergency. Thank you to the men and women of these agencies for what they do every day for all of us.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr., Chief, Dalton Fire Department**

The call volume for 2016 is as follows, broken down by Major incidents:

TYPES	#CALLS	%CALL
Fires	35	3.66%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	614	64.16%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	52	5.43%
Service Call	95	9.93%
Good Intent Call	44	4.60%
False Alarm & False Call	85	8.88%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.10%
Special Incident Type	31	3.24%
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TOTAL	957	100.00%

PERMITS: (Does not include Burning Permits)

PERMIT TYPE	COUNT
Blasting	1
Building Permit	1
Hazardous Material	1
Maintain Dumpster	42
Oil Burner	7
Oil Line	1A 1
Oil Tank Removal / Install	22
Propane Storage	12
Transfer Tank	1
Underground Fuel Storage Permit (Service Stations)	1
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Total	110

Inspections: (Does not include special inspections or 304)

Inspections = 120

The majority of calls are for medical assistance. The Ambulance is owned and operated by the Dalton Fireman's Association. No Fire District or Town taxes are used for the ambulance.

The ambulance is in dire need of volunteers. We depend on mutual aid to back us up, however they are also getting strapped. In the past year we have responded with the ambulance numerous times to Pittsfield, Lanesborough, Windsor, Hinsdale, Peru and Middlefield. To find out how to become an EMT and how you could help out, Please see the Ray Ferrin, President of the Ambulance Assn.

The Dalton Fire Department is dedicated to keeping its residents safe. The departments numbers continue to hover around the 30 - 35 member mark. If you are interested in helping your community by becoming a firefighter, please stop by.

Currently the department has 1 Full time chief, 2 Full time firefighters that are staffed during the day shift hours. These firefighters/EMT's assist staffing the ambulance during the day, with their primary duties being to the Fire District and Fire Department. The volunteers, whom receive a small stipend staff the fire department during all hours of the day, seven days a week.

The Dalton Fire District owns and operates: Three Pumpers and one 110' Aerial/quint. The Fire Association owns/operates: 1 Pumper/Rescue, 1 ambulance staffed with basic EMT's, 2 ATVs. The Town of Dalton owns: 1 Brush vehicle.

I'd like to thank the Town of Dalton town offices, its residents, The Dalton Police Department and the Dalton Highway Department for the cooperation they give the Dalton Fire Department. Coordination and Cooperation is the way to keep a cohesive working environment and it is a pleasure to work with all of the departments.

I'd like to thank Gibby Rudd for the years of service he gave and Bob Benlin for taking over the helm of the water department. Gibby was a great asset and still a friend of the DFD. I'd also like to thank the other members of the Dalton Water Department for their hard work keeping the water flowing. The regular flushing and maintenance of the hydrant system keeps all of us safe.

I'd also like to wish Debbie Brunell and Barb Duffy well on their retirements from the District Treasurers office and a welcome to Cheryl Cachat for taking over the tedious job.

I am reminding every to please make sure your residence or business has a house number. We cannot help you if we can't find you.

All dumpsters 6 yards or over must be permitted in the Town of Dalton. Permits are available at the Dalton Fire Station.

Remember, 9-1-1 for Police, Fire and Medical calls. Give your address, phone number and problem. Stay on the line and answer the dispatchers questions.

I would also like to add again, Volunteers are welcome. If you have time or are interested in volunteering for the fire department or ambulance, please stop by and we will show you our house and equipment. It can be very rewarding and challenging and also is a great way to help your community.

## **FOREST WARDEN**

### **Gerald J. Cahalan, Jr., Forest Warden**

The Dalton Fire Department had another non eventful Dalton season with no major events. The department expended 72 personnel hours on wildland/brush fires. The department responded to only 6 wildland/brush fires in 2016.

Reminder to the town, burning season is from January 15 - April 30, 4pm. There will be no extension of the burning season for 2017. Permits are \$5.00 for the season. You must call in or go online at <http://www.bcburnpermits.com> to register each day to burn.

I would like to thank the citizens of Dalton and the various departments for their cooperation and look forward to another uneventful season. I would also like to thank the department volunteers for the hard work you put in.

## **HIGHWAY, CEMETERY & PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**John Roughley, Highway Superintendent**

The Department's primary mission is to maintain and improve the Town's roads, sewer, and drainage systems. This work is performed and accomplished by a very dedicated and professional staff. The Department is also responsible for maintaining the Town's parks and cemeteries.

Routine maintenance performed within our department on roads includes cutting brush, patching pot holes, painting crosswalks and road lines and replacing street signs.

The sewer systems are cleaned and flushed on a regular basis. The known problem areas are on a scheduled maintenance program to alleviate blockages. Over the past year, we inspected many sewer lines and made repairs where needed. We also maintain over 800 catch basins during the year.

During the winter season, we aim to keep all streets and sidewalks clear and safe. All the Town's streets, parking lots and sidewalks are swept by Department personnel.

Spring is when our four cemeteries are cleaned up in preparation for our Memorial Day observance. Monthly Cemetery Trustee meetings are held at 10 am on the second Friday of each month at the Main Street Cemetery Office. Anyone wishing to speak to the Trustees is invited to attend. Winter decorations should be removed from the cemeteries by April 15th and summer decorations should be removed by October 15th.

The Town's parks are also cleaned up each spring for the upcoming recreational season. We work with the CRA to make sure all ball fields are ready for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons.

We have had a successful year, due largely in part to the staff of the Highway Department. We thank the residents, Select Board, Town Manager and all other Town employees for their guidance and support. We look forward to the year to come.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**George White, Chairman**

Eight Board Meetings were held in 2016.

We would like to thank Mary Ellen Shea, who resigned in 2016, for her 20+ years of service on the Historical Commission. Two of those years in which she served as Chairman. She was involved in many projects thru those years.

Ellen Ghallier and Ellen Chiacchiarotto were voted in as members of the Historical Commission in 2016.

The Fitch Hoose House is coming to a close. The Historical Board is trying to find furniture that dates back to the 1800's. We would appreciate any help researching this matter. There are some finishing touches before the house can be opened for the public to view. We hope to have the schools take advantage of this opportunity.

There is so much that can be said about the Fitch Hoose House, that we could write a book about it .(Oh yes, we did write a book) It will be on display along with other memorabilia. Artifacts found during the dig will also be on display. We are hoping to have a dedication sometime in June of this year.

The Historical Commission hopes to see you all there.

## INSPECTOR OF WIRING

**John M. Broderick, Inspector**

Service Work .....	26
Renovations .....	27
Fire & Security Systems .....	7
A/C Work .....	4
Solar Systems .....	23
Furnances & Boilers .....	7
Misc. Electric Work .....	18
Pools, Spas.....	1
<b>Total Permits .....</b>	<b>113</b>

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

**Robert Dassat, Chairman**

As in past years we were fortunate the rain subsided just before a decision would have to been made to move the exercises to the gymnasium at nessacus middle school where arrangements set up. This years event stepped off from the First Methodist Church at 9:30

With all the local organizations participating. The dalton american legion honor guard and banner led the parade, followed in procession by parade marshall William Chabot, master of ceremonies Thomas Callahan and rev. Christopher Malatesta. Also in the line of march v.f.w post 9566 followed by berkshire county sheriffs honor guard and our local groups. The Wahconah Regoinal High School band led by Brian Rabuse played appropriate music along the route.

Along the parade route the support that the veterans received from the patriotic citizens of dalton and the young children waving their flags was amazing. It was also a great tribute

Afforded to all the participants. Parents of these children should be proud. Boys scout troop #4 should be applauded for the placement of flags on the graves of our veterans in main stand fairview cemetery as should the students of Cranville Elementary who place flags on veterans graves at ashuelot cemetery without these two groups the flag placement would not happen.

The parade arrived and gathered at the mound of the unknown dead in main st cemetery for the memorial day exercise led by master of ceremony Thomas Callahan who began by welcoming everyone and noting to all that we have an obligation to remember and honor all those who served and are still serving our country in the Armed forces, especially those that made the supreme sacrifice, this ceremony was dedicated too.



The invocation was then given by rev. Christopher Malatesta pastor of St. Agnes Church, followed by the wahconah regional bands superb performance of the star spangled banner. Memorial day committee chairman Robert Dassat led the pledge of allegiance

To the flag which was followed by the pow-mia ceremony conducted by Peter Morrissey a navy veteran and member of post #155.

Thomas Callahan introduced the guests on the mound. In addition to rev. Malatesta and chairman Robert Dassat, they were as follows: parade marshall William Chabot, town mgr Ken Walto and select board members chairman John Bartels, select board members: Mary Cherry, Mike Skalas, Bob Bishop and Marc Strout.

Continuing with the introductions, we were again pleased to have rep. Paul Mark with us. The memorial day committee members were then introduced: John Boyle, Thomas Callahan, Cory White, George White, Jim Slater, Jim Harris and chairman Robert Dassat. Student orators representing Wahconah Regional High School were: Rebecca Steele from Hinsdale and David Brainerd from Dalton, both members of the junior class. Both of whom gave outstanding speeches, Tom Callahan said they represented the best of school and community citizenship and that their parents and community should be proud of them.

Young ladies from girl scout troop 11988 placed wreaths at the foot of the mound for the appropriate wars led by girl scout leader Wendy Brown, the girls were: Hannah Burrows, Persephone Clark, Josie Ridedell, Riley Cachet and Olivia Orsini. The wahconah band then played; America, followed by the roll-call of Dalton's military veterans who gave the supreme sacrifice from the civil war to present by Robert Dassat.

Parade marshall William Chabot was introduced and his military experience was impressive, he proceeded in giving an excellent speech on memorial day.

Following the speech, Dennis Masengo played; amazing grace using bagpipes, truly outstanding. Dennis contributes his talent to our event every year which is greatly appreciated.

The traditional rifle salute was carried out by the American Legion rifle squad followed by; taps and the echo nicely performed by wahconah band members Michaela Defoe and Abby Ostellino respectively.

Under a day that turned out very nice the ceremony concluded with rev. Malatesta offering the benediction and master of ceremonies Tom Callahan thanking all who attended and participated, wishing everyone a good holiday with family and friends.

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Caleb Darby, Chairman**

The Dalton Planning Board was formed in 1939. It's primarily responsible for issues involving land uses such as writing Zoning Bylaws, Special Permit approval and land division. The current quality of life and the character of Dalton can be attributed to the hard work of the many residents, past and current, who have donated their time and talents by serving as members of the Dalton Planning Board.

The Board consists of five elected residents with five-year terms and one resident appointed by the Select Board to serve as an alternate member. Planning Board meetings are regularly scheduled to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, Callahan Room. Additional meetings may be held as needed.

In 2016 the Planning Board held ten regular meetings, three Public Hearings and one special meeting. During these meetings two Special Permit renewals were granted for earth removal, the new Master Plan for Dalton was approved and the Board endorsed a number of Form A applications for the division of land. Changes to two Bylaws were approved to be submitted to the town for voting at Town meetings: one to permit areas with R4 zoning to the Large-Scale Photovoltaic Bylaw and one to change the terms of newly elected Planning Board members from five years to three years.

Members of the Planning Board were Caleb Darby, Zack McCain, Edward Holub, Louisa Horth and Daniel Esko was elected to fill the remaining year of Richard Ladd's term. The new Town Planner Rebecca Slick filled the vacancy from the departure of Lisa Peltier. The Board thanks former Town Planner Lisa Peltier for her commitment and service to the town of Dalton. Recording Secretaries for the year were Patricia Jehle and Deborah Goddeau.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Jeffrey E. Coe, Chief of Police**

In 2016 we appointed Reserve Officers Dorothy DiMouro and James Duryea to full time. We also appointed Joseph Kennedy, Brandon Hoag and Scott Adams as Reserve Officers. These appointments completed our customary roster of 10 Full Time and 5 Reserve Officers as follows:

Chief Jeffrey E. Coe  
Sergeant Christopher J. Furlong  
Senior Officer John M. Marley,  
Narcotics Investigator  
Officer Deanna L. Strout, DARE,  
Sexual Assault Investigator  
Officer Geoffrey D. Powell,  
Crime Scene and Evidence Officer

Res. Off. Gregg J. Stefanik  
Res. Off. Joseph A Kennedy  
Res. Off. Daniel E. Phillips  
  
Res. Off. Brandon D. Hoag  
  
Res. Off. Scott M. Adams

Officer Matthew T. Mozzi, K9  
 Officer William J. Munch, Cell Phone Forensics Investigator  
 Officer Bustin M. Buzzella, Adm. Assnt. Rebecca Whitaker  
 Lead Cell Forensics Investigator  
 Officer Dorothy M. DiMouro, Crossing Guard Mildred Boucher  
 Sexual Assault Investigator  
 Officer James R. Duryea, K9

Our Officers responded to an average of 13.5 service calls per shift in addition to conducting in depth investigations, teaching DARE in elementary schools, attend TRIAD meetings at the senior center, performed endless equipment maintenance and conducted other special tasks including building security checks and traffic enforcement.

The Dalton Police Department, with many thanks to District Attorney David Capeless, has a Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box for our station. Citizens of Dalton can drop off unused or unwanted prescription drugs for proper disposal at our station at any time. No over the counter medications or liquids please. Needles are accepted but not in the drop box. An officer will be available to taken them to ensure safety.

Dalton Police Department 2016 Statistics:

Total call responses:	14,764
Business & Non 911 Calls	4,545
Officer Initiated responses	9,580
911 Calls	639
Intrusion Alarm Calls	244
Incidents	177
Arrests	125
Motor Vehicle stops	1,478
Motor Vehicle Accidents	193
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	937
FY16 Citations Fines Received	5,410
Parking citations Issued	78
FY16 Parking Fines Levied	685
Firearms Permits Issued	169
Firearms Permit Fees Received	3,775
Citizen Complaints filed in 2016:	2

Accident forms and license to carry/firearm identification card applications can be found on line at [www.dalton-ma.gov](http://www.dalton-ma.gov) under town services. Completed police accident reports can be obtained online with your report number at [www.buyreports.com](http://www.buyreports.com)

## **SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT**

**John Roughley, Tree Warden**

The Shade Tree Department had another busy year. Many hazardous trees have been removed or pruned. With level funding and increased cost for removal, the number of new trees planted has been greatly reduced over the past few years.

The Highway Department has helped to remove several large trees that Eversource took down for the town. The power company does assist in tree removal when trees pose a risk to their equipment.

There is much confusion over the definition of a town tree. The definition of a town tree is any tree having a trunk greater than one and a half inches that is on the public right of way. If any part of the trunk is on town property, the tree belongs to the town. Overhanging branches do not make a tree town property. The town does have a right to trim such branches for public safety purposes. Any tree that has been planted by the town that is not on town property is not a town tree. The tree becomes the property of the landowner. State law allows municipalities to plant trees within 20 feet of the public right of way.

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

**Sandra J. Albano, Town Accountant**

I am pleased to submit the 40th Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016.

The following schedules are included in this report:

- Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet
- Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds
- Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund
- Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds
- Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues - Budget to Actual
- Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
- Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness
- Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance

The FY16 books have been closed and submitted to the Department of Revenue. Free Cash has been certified in the amount of \$1,288,681 for use in FY17. The Town of Dalton continues to look for more sources of revenue other than tax revenue to help offset our budget without increasing taxes. Many town departments apply for and receive numerous grants, that help fund special projects, replace aging equipment and vehicles, repair roadways, restore historical landmarks etc.

The FY18 budget process has begun and we are faced with the challenge of balancing the budget. All departments are working hard to level fund expenditures and find ways to decrease spending.

Alecia Herrick joined the Accounting Department as an Assistant Accountant in the last quarter of FY16. Alecia has been working very diligently learning the Account Payable process for the Town of Dalton. She has valuable spreadsheet skills that has enabled her to help with reconciling numerous accounts during the year end process. I look forward to working with her on the many challenges this department endures.

**Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2016**  
**Town of Dalton Massachusetts**

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	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,154,907	134,946	97,972	3,281,300	-	-	5,669,125
Receivables							
Property Taxes	157,519	-	-	-	-	-	157,519
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(98,076)	-	-	-	-	-	(98,076)
Excise Taxes	100,362	-	-	-	-	-	100,362
Tax Liens	165,418	-	-	-	-	-	165,418
Departmental	96,396	12,100	-	-	-	-	108,496
User Charges	43,010	-	-	-	-	-	43,010
Tax Foreclosures	177,244	-	-	-	-	-	177,244
Due From Other Governments	-	241,525	-	-	-	-	241,525
Due From Other Agencies	-	13,928	-	-	-	-	13,928
Refund Due From Vendor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt	-	-	-	-	1,587,571	-	1,587,571
Total Assets:	2,796,781	402,499	97,972	3,281,300	1,587,571	-	8,166,122
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Vendor Warrants Payable	76,918	3,704	4,286	-	-	-	84,908
Payroll Warrants Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll	35,209	741	-	575	-	-	36,525
Accrued Employer Taxes	477	-	-	-	-	-	477
Employee Withholdings	62,463	-	-	-	-	-	62,463
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Agencies	1,161	-	-	90,722	-	-	91,883
Undistributed Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unclaimed Items	2,801	-	-	-	-	-	2,801
Prepaid Highway Excavation Fees	50	-	-	-	-	-	50
Prepaid Pro Forma Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue							
Property Taxes	59,444	-	-	-	-	-	59,444
Tax Liens	165,418	-	-	-	-	-	165,418
Tax Foreclosure	177,244	-	-	-	-	-	177,244
Other	239,768	253,625	-	-	-	-	493,393

**Schedule 1: Combined Balance Sheet, June 30, 2016**  
**Town of Dalton Massachusetts**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY		ACCOUNT		TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	FUND TYPE	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY	
SAN Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Performance Bond Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Indebtedness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	820,953	258,070	4,286	91,287	-	1,587,571	-	1,587,571
								2,762,177
<b>Fund Equity:</b>								
Reserved for Encumbrances	182,830	27,946	58,919	-	-	-	-	269,694
Reserved for Expenses	265,000	-	-	65,000	-	-	-	330,000
Reserved for Special Purpose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for Payment of Debt/Capital Projects	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Reserved for Continuing Appropriation	89,672	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,672
Reserved for E911 Support/Training Grant Deficits	-	3,256	-	-	-	-	-	3,256
Reserved for Nonexpendable Trust Principal	-	-	-	125,100	-	-	-	125,100
Undesignated	1,388,326	113,227	34,766	2,999,903	-	-	-	4,536,222
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	1,975,828	144,429	93,685	3,190,003	-	-	-	5,403,945
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity:</b>	2,796,781	402,499	97,972	3,281,300	-	1,587,571	-	8,186,122



**Schedule 1-A: Special Revenue Funds**  
**Fund Equity for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Balance 7/1/15	Revenue	Prior Year Corrections	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 6/30/16
Cultural Council	4,654	4,605	-	-	5,150	-	4,108
Insurance Claims Under \$10,000	13,389	-	-	-	-	-	13,389
CATV Local Broadcasting	-	100,990	-	-	100,990	-	-
BJA Recovery Act JAG Grant - Federal	-	19,254	-	-	19,254	-	-
Community Development Block Grant	3,719	-	-	-	-	-	3,719
Planning Board Deposits-PineCrest	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Planning Board Engineering Follow-Up	3,474	-	-	-	-	-	3,474
Planning Board Deposits-BCC Cnslt	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	2,100
Community Septic Mgt.	18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
COA Formula Grant	-	15,111	-	-	15,111	-	-
Insurance Reimbursements over \$20K	128,391	-	-	-	-	128,391	-
Library Incentive Grant	42,419	10,561	-	-	2,527	-	50,453
Police Vest Grant	(3,180)	3,180	-	-	1,590	-	(1,590) *
Canine Officer Grant	1,348	-	-	-	1,348	-	-
Records Preservation Project	592	-	-	-	-	-	592
Extended Polling Hours	-	928	-	-	602	326	-
State 911 Comm Dept Incentive Grant	(126,939)	220,154	-	-	127,939	-	(34,724) *
Drug Task Force/Byrne Grant	2,588	41,417	-	-	43,584	-	421
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring Grants/Gifts	(17,601)	95,405	-	-	50,473	1	27,331
Highway Chapter Funds	-	509,453	-	-	534,364	-	(24,911) *
COA Transportation Fund	7,090	10,624	-	-	5,392	-	12,322
Composting Bin Grant	494	-	-	-	-	-	494
Legal Advertising Revolving	3,000	1,705	-	-	959	746	3,000
Plumbing Inspections Revolving	-	5,060	-	-	5,060	-	-
Electric Inspections Revolving	2,715	9,790	-	-	10,590	-	1,915
Grave Digging OT Revolving	2,500	1,395	-	-	1,211	184	2,500
Police Outside Detail	3,758	80,295	-	-	79,653	-	4,400
Cemetery Vandalism Restitution	383	-	-	-	-	-	383
Parks Maintenance Revolving	1,875	275	-	-	-	-	2,150
COA Programs Revolving	13,534	4,655	-	-	3,686	-	14,503
Boom Mower Intermunicipal Consortium	600	5,000	-	-	-	-	5,600
Municipal Recycling Program Grant	614	-	-	-	-	-	614
Dalton Papers	2,358	-	-	-	-	-	2,358
Police Dept Local Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Donations	7,075	2,000	-	-	74	-	9,001
Historical Commission	2,293	-	-	-	-	-	2,293
Wetlands Protection Fund	4,057	585	-	-	660	-	3,982
Cultural Council Donations	779	-	-	-	-	-	779
COA Gifts/Donations/Programs	3,574	1,491	-	-	2,471	-	2,594
Beautification Commission Donations	1,049	25	-	-	86	-	988
Skateboard Park Donations	1,841	-	-	-	-	-	1,841
Cemetery Repair Donations	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>142,893</b>	<b>1,143,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,012,774</b>	<b>129,648</b>	<b>144,429</b>

\*Fund 212 Police Vest Grant - Reimbursement of \$1,590 for Federal/State Share of Police Vests **not received as of 09/30/16**.

\*Fund 223 E911 Support/Incentive Grant - Reimbursement of \$35,723.75 dated 08/03/16 **received from State**.

\*Fund 230 Highway Chapter 90 Grant - **Reimbursement of \$11,551.38 dated 07/26/16; \$13,359.50 dated 08/18/16 received from State.**

**Schedule 1-B: Capital Projects Fund Equity for the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Balance 07/01/15	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Fund Equity Balance 6/30/16	Projects Authorized Not Complete
<b>Building Projects</b>							
Fitch Hoose House Rehab	-	100,000	-	57,701	-	42,299	42,299
Fitch Hoose House Rehab EOAF Grant	177,962	-	-	177,962	-	-	-
Senior Center	3,861	-	-	-	-	3,861	3,861
Town Hall Improvements DE	1,110	-	-	-	1,110	-	-
Town Hall Carpets/Flooring/Furniture/Fixtures	-	9,841	1,110	9,841	-	1,110	26,268
Town Hall Fire Alarm	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
<b>Capital Projects</b>							
General Government - Land Purchase	-	91,445	-	91,445	-	-	-
Green Community Grant Project	35,681	4,841	-	57,130	-	(16,608) **	90,436
Public Works	7,299	102,885	-	108,526	4	1,654	424,825
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	431
<b>Highway Street Projects</b>							
Housatonic Street	12,065	-	-	1,100	-	10,965	10,965
<b>Sewer Projects</b>							
Sewer System Engineering	-	96,400	-	45,995	-	50,405	339,005
	237,978	405,412	1,110	549,700	1,114	93,685	958,090

\*\* Green Community Grant Reimbursement received from State - \$71,362.50 August 30, 2016

**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds**  
**Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

**Fund Equity:**

**Non-Expendable Trust**

	Balance 7/1/15	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 06/30/16
Principal - Cemetery	35,100	-	-	-	-	-	35,100
Principal - Library	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	60,000
Principal - School	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
	125,100	-	-	-	-	-	125,100

**Expendable Trust**

Cemetery	18,884	446	-	-	-	-	19,330
Library	67,793	815	-	-	250	-	68,358
School	83,359	458	-	-	-	-	83,817
Local Law Enforcement	759	3,930	-	-	1,878	-	2,811
	170,795	5,649	-	-	2,128	-	174,316

**Stabilization Funds**

General Stabilization	316,827	742	-	100,000	-	2,500	415,069
Capital Stabilization	1,066,780	2,410	-	200,848	-	102,205	1,167,834
Litigation Stabilization	267,878	628	-	25,000	-	-	293,506
Sewer Stabilization	198,882	466	-	25,000	-	-	224,347
	1,850,367	4,246	-	350,848	-	104,705	2,100,756

**OPEB Liability Trust**

Pension Reserve Fund	263,117	408	-	400,000	-	-	663,525
Unemployment Compensation Fund	122,041	183	-	-	-	-	122,224
	4,075	7	-	-	-	-	4,082

**Total Fund Equity**

	2,535,495	10,493	-	750,848	2,128	104,705	3,190,003
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**Schedule 1-C: Trust and Agency Funds**  
**Fund Equity and Liabilities for the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Balance 07/01/15	Receipts	Due from Others	Transfers In	Disbursements	Accrued Payroll	Balance 6/30/16
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
<u>Agency Funds</u>							
Dalton Fire District	3,050	582,462	-	-	565,858	-	19,654
Dalton Redevelopment Authority Operations	79,290	115	-	-	10,947	-	68,458
Deputy Collector Fees	-	15,928	-	-	15,928	-	-
Parking Clerk Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Share of Gun Permit Receipts	1,200	7,137	-	-	6,387	-	1,950
Town Clerk Fees	590	7,225	-	-	7,470	575	920
Town Collector Fees	315	-	-	-	-	-	315
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>84,445</b>	<b>612,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>606,590</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>91,297</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:</b>	<b>2,619,940</b>	<b>623,360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>750,848</b>	<b>608,718</b>	<b>105,280</b>	<b>3,281,300</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	FY16 ESTIMATED	FY16 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY16 BUDGET TO FY16 ACTUAL
<b><u>SEWER OFFSET RECEIPTS</u></b>			
Sewer Late Fees #4245		5,450	
Sewer User Fees #4246-16		726,965	
Sewer User Fees #4246-15		11,484	
Sewer Lien Fees #4247		34,135	
Sewer Hook-Up Charges #4467		500	
Hinsdale Sewer Bill #4746		73,278	
	<b>770,573</b>	<b>851,812</b>	<b>81,239</b>
<b><u>ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u></b>			
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Excise. #4150</u></b>			
2010 & Prior		954	
2011		377	
2012		485	
2013		959	
2014		7,676	
2015		134,417	
2016		716,978	
	<b>655,000</b>	<b>861,846</b>	<b>206,846</b>
<b><u>Other Excise.</u></b>			
Farm Animal Excise #4162		-	
Rooms Local Excise #4167		4,431	
Meals Local Excise #4167		36,224	
	<b>28,150</b>	<b>40,655</b>	<b>12,505</b>
<b><u>Penalties &amp; Interest on Taxes &amp; Excise:</u></b>			
Interest & Penalties on Taxes #4171		29,269	
Interest & Penalties on Tax Titles #4172		7,791	
Interest & Penalties on Sewer User #4173		2,166	
Interest & Penalties on Other A/R #4174		-	
Property Tax Demands #4177		3,495	
Motor Vehicle Demands/Warrants #4178		15,665	
Demand/Fees Tax Liens Redeemed #4179		470	
Income & Expense Penalties Added to Tax #4190		4,650	
	<b>45,000</b>	<b>63,506</b>	<b>18,506</b>
<b><u>Payment in Lieu of Taxes</u></b>			
Trailer Park Fees #4165		4,320	
Pmts in Lieu of Taxes #4180		2,249	
Pingrove Manor Pilot #4181		1,655	
	<b>6,600</b>	<b>8,224</b>	<b>1,624</b>
<b><u>Other Charges for Services</u></b>			
Board of Appeals #4373		350	
Planning Board #4374		675	
Zoning #4375		-	
Pole Hearings #4376		238	
Sealer of Wgths/Measures #4466		420	
	<b>900</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>783</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

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	FY16 ESTIMATED	FY16 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY16 BUDGET TO FY16 ACTUAL
<b><u>Fees</u></b>			
Registry of Motor Vehicles #4175		5,800	
Municipal Lien Fees #4321		4,525	
Parking Fine Demand #4327		185	
Bad Check Fees #4330		175	
Default Warrant Removal Fee #4332		-	
Collector Late Fees Ch40 S21E #4333		-	
Duplicate Bill Fee #4382		914	
Other Fees #4399		200	
Code Red Emergency Network Fee #4731		1,700	
Communication Center Fees #4810		4,899	
Private Hauler Recycling Fee #4335		-	
Highway Excavation Fees #4377		1,450	
	<b>16,500</b>	<b>19,848</b>	<b>3,348</b>
 <b><u>Departmental Revenue Council On Aging #4379</u></b>	 <b>5,000</b>	 <b>4,307</b>	 <b>(693)</b>
 <b><u>Departmental Revenue Cemetery #4378</u></b>	 <b>30,000</b>	 <b>28,085</b>	 <b>(1,915)</b>
 <b><u>Other Departmental Revenue</u></b>			
Town Clerk - Street List #4371		40	
Town Clerk - Other #4372		21	
Assessors Maps #4383		466	
Assessors Information Requests #4384		-	
Dalton Fire District Tax Reimbursement #4811		10,000	
Lanesborough ACO Reimbursement #4337		-	
Photocopies #4391, 4392		343	
Town Maps #4393		3	
Recycled Goods #4329		4,048	
School Census #4841		3,342	
Charge for Bid Specs #4380		-	
Police Reports #4397		740	
Police Outside Detail Cruiser Fee #4396		325	
Police - Outside Detail Admin Fee #4398		4,681	
Town Collector Miscellaneous #4844		362	
	<b>30,000</b>	<b>24,371</b>	<b>(5,629)</b>
 <b><u>Licenses &amp; Permits</u></b>			
All Alcohol Licenses On Premise #4411		5,400	
Beer & Wine Licenses #4413		600	
All Other Alcohol Licenses Off Premise #4414		1,950	
Dog Licenses #4420		27,379	
Raffle Permits #4455		50	
Cable TV Franchise #4458		1,078	
Building Permits #4460		29,858	
Health Agent Receipts #4462		3,655	
Police Pistol Permits #4473		2,438	
Other Licenses & Permits #4499		5,060	
	<b>61,350</b>	<b>77,468</b>	<b>16,118</b>

**Schedule 2: General Fund Revenues, Budget to Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

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	FY16 ESTIMATED	FY16 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FY16 BUDGET TO FY16 ACTUAL
<b><u>Fines and Forfeits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Fines #4694		5,410	
District Court Restitution #4698		775	
Parking Fines #4771		565	
Library Fines #4772		1,439	
Unlicensed Dog Fines #4773		4,780	
Police Fines #4774		25	
Youth Tobacco Fines #4776		100	
Other Fines #4775		-	
	<b>20,500</b>	<b>13,094</b>	<b>(7,406)</b>
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>			
Earnings on Investment #4820		7,235	
	<b>8,000</b>	<b>7,235</b>	<b>(765)</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Recurring</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		-	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		-	
Federal Retiree Drug Subsidy #4544		14,708	
Retiree Insrn Reimb Chap 32B S 9A 1/2 #4846		5,741	
	<b>-</b>	<b>20,449</b>	<b>20,449</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Non-Recurring</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Revenue #4840		7,564	
Miscellaneous State Revenue #4699		262	
Miscellaneous Federal Revenue #4540		-	
	<b>-</b>	<b>7,826</b>	<b>7,826</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>907,000</b>	<b>1,178,597</b>	<b>271,597</b>
<b><u>CHERRY SHEET REVENUE: (NET OF CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS)</u></b>			
Exemptions - Vets, Blind, Srvg. Sps, Elderly #4617, 4616	30,245	29,496	(749)
State Owned Land #4611	56,498	56,498	-
School Aid (Ch70) #4621	272,926	272,926	-
Vocational Students Transportation #4637	-	47,748	47,748
Veterans Benefits #4667	102,282	91,354	(10,928)
Unrestricted General Government Aid #4671	1,048,840	1,048,840	-
General Fund Supplemental	-	-	-
	<b>1,510,791</b>	<b>1,546,862</b>	<b>36,071</b>
<b><u>TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>3,188,364</b>	<b>3,577,271</b>	<b>388,907</b>

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

<u>Department #</u>	<u>Department Title</u>	<u>Budget Including FY15 Carry/Forwards</u>	<u>Vendor Payments Expended</u>	<u>Year End Department Balance</u>	<u>Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY17</u>	<u>Closing Entries</u>	<u>Unencumbered Balance</u>
114	Moderator	469	-	100	-	-	100
122	Select Board	22,222	3,246	941	-	-	941
123	Town Manager	146,019	6,425	4,899	-	-	4,899
131	Finance Committee	185	176	9	-	-	9
132	Reserve Fund	6,354	-	6,354	-	-	6,354
133	Prior Year Bills	924	924	-	-	-	-
135	Accountant	73,727	7,206	8,106	-	-	8,106
138	Group Purchasing	600	600	-	-	-	-
139	Town Audit	-	-	-	-	-	-
141	Assessors	98,679	15,540	3,607	-	-	3,607
142	Triennial Revaluation	16,000	11,700	4,300	-	-	4,300
143	Town Re-Mapping	-	-	-	-	-	-
145	Treasurer	108,231	15,600	7,228	-	-	7,228
146	Town Collector	98,076	10,483	3,444	-	-	3,444
151	Town Counsel	63,000	57,358	5,642	-	-	5,642
152	Telephone	15,631	13,552	2,079	-	-	2,079
154	Recording Secretary	4,959	-	9	-	-	9
157	Computer	12,000	11,435	565	-	-	565
158	Postage Meter	14,875	9,464	5,411	-	-	5,411
159	Tax Title Foreclosures	7,700	7,700	-	-	-	-
161	Town Clerk	91,174	79,845	8,665	-	-	8,665
162	Elections	11,939	4,314	4,476	-	-	4,476
163	Board of Registrars	9,895	2,796	5,678	-	-	5,678
171	Conservation	1,921	610	1,311	-	-	1,311
175	Planning Board/Board of Appls	24,043	402	2,061	-	-	2,061
182	Development & Industrial Commission	1,200	1,076	124	-	-	124
191	Old Dalton High Maintenance	13,600	8,535	5,065	-	-	5,065
192	Building Maintenance	62,827	7,831	12,615	-	-	12,615
195	Town Report	6,650	5,878	772	-	-	772
196	Town Hall	91,800	85,727	5,479	250	-	5,229
197	Central Supplies	14,800	13,893	907	-	-	907
210	Police Department	940,430	67,589	12,811	3,300	-	9,511
222	Communications	188,650	9,752	86,783	-	-	86,783
240	Building Inspector	51,831	3,626	4,971	155	-	4,816
244	Weights and Measures	1,469	-	100	-	-	100



**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Department #	Department Title	FY16 Final		Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY17	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Budget Including FY15 CarryForwards	Salary Expended					
247	Meat & Cattle	1,447	1,447	-	-	-	-	-
292	Animal Control	25,372	19,867	1,769	3,736	-	-	3,736
294	Forest Warden	3,688	1,654	707	1,327	-	-	1,327
295	Emergency Management	11,244	2,292	8,098	854	750	-	104
296	Tree Warden	18,156	2,156	15,575	425	-	-	425
310	CBRSD	8,301,206	-	8,301,206	-	-	-	-
320	Vocational Education	461,577	-	344,028	117,549	-	-	117,549
401	Town Engineer	14,000	-	7,475	6,525	5,460	-	1,065
420	Highway	453,894	294,772	98,890	60,232	-	-	60,232
423	Snow and Ice	139,597	7,658	91,830	40,109	-	-	40,109
424	Street Lights	90,724	-	88,801	1,923	-	-	1,923
433	Landfill Closure	15,190	777	11,328	3,085	-	-	3,085
434	Transfer Station	19,757	-	6,883	12,874	-	-	12,874
440	Sewer	33,050	9,806	13,818	9,426	-	-	9,426
449	Sewer Treatment	743,417	430	689,546	53,441	-	-	53,441
491	Cemetery	81,279	54,219	10,669	16,391	-	-	16,391
510	Health Agent/Board	40,981	38,904	374	1,703	-	-	1,703
522	Visiting Nurse Association	11,229	-	9,782	1,447	-	-	1,447
523	Berkshire Mental Health	2,143	-	2,143	-	-	-	-
541	Council on Aging	129,946	92,526	26,466	10,954	196	-	10,758
543	Veterans Services	110,317	7,017	103,143	157	-	-	157
591	Berkshire Regional Planning	18,877	-	4,877	14,000	-	-	14,000
610	Library	189,265	121,220	65,802	2,243	-	-	2,243
630	CRA - Parks Programs	58,955	-	58,955	-	-	-	-
650	Parks Maintenance	47,405	27,055	15,104	5,246	-	-	5,246
691	Historical Commission	1,800	-	762	1,038	-	-	1,038
692	Memorial Day	2,051	-	2,050	1	-	-	1
693	Cultural Activities	2,280	-	2,280	-	-	-	-
710	Maturing Debt and Interest	333,218	-	327,141	6,077	-	-	6,077
820	State Assessments	34,401	-	34,401	-	-	-	-
911	Retirement	393,782	-	376,201	17,581	-	-	17,581
913	Unemployment Insurance	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
914	Health Insurance	823,946	-	736,893	87,053	-	-	87,053
915	Life Insurance	6,500	-	4,604	1,896	-	-	1,896

**Schedule 3: General Fund Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Department #	Department Title	FY16 Final Budget Including FY15		Vendor Payments Expended	Year End Department Balance	Amount Encumbered or Carried Forward to FY17	Closing Entries	Unencumbered Balance
		Carry Forwards	Salary Expended					
916	Town Share - Medicare	37,855	-	32,678	5,177	-	-	5,177
919	Fringe Benefits	36,180	16,261	2,651	17,268	-	-	17,268
932	FY08 Vote - Capital Projects	20,842	-	833	20,009	20,000	9	-
932	FY11 Vote - Capital Projects	158	-	-	158	-	158	-
932	FY12 Vote - Capital Projects	4,102	-	-	4,102	3,200	902	-
932	FY14 Vote - Capital Projects	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-
932	FY15 Vote - Capital Projects	682	-	-	682	-	682	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	52,205	-	24,576	27,629	27,629	-	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	17,000	-	17,000	-	-	-	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	121,890	-	-	121,890	121,890	-	-
932	FY16 Vote - Capital Projects	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-	-
941	Court Judgments & Claims	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
945	Town Insurance Coverage	238,933	-	192,653	46,280	-	-	46,280
950	Trust Fund Commissioners	229	-	-	229	-	-	229
991	Landfill Monitoring Continuing Appr	89,672	-	-	89,672	89,672	-	-
993	Transfer to Capital Project - Housatonic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
994	OPEB Liability Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
997	Transfer to Stabilization - Sewer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
998	Transfer to Pension Reserve Fund 84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:		15,462,822	2,309,328	12,130,594	1,022,901	272,502	1,751	748,648

**Schedule 4: Schedule of Bond Indebtedness  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Month/Year Issued</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount Due</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Outside Debt Limit:</u>					
					-
<u>Inside Debt Limit:</u>					
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	06/01/09	06/30/19	240,332	72,096
Capital Projects Bonded FY09	Various	06/01/09	06/30/23	1,312,040	812,904
Capital Projects Bonded FY12	2.35%	12/15/11	06/30/17	512,000	100,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY13	2.00%	03/19/13	03/15/18	220,000	80,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY14	2.00%	06/25/14	06/15/19	93,649	55,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY15	2.00%	06/18/15	06/15/20	86,464	67,000
Capital Projects Bonded FY16	2.35%	06/22/16	06/15/21	400,571	400,571
Total Inside:					\$ 1,587,571
<u>Short Term</u>					
State Grant Anticipation Note - E911 Grant	0.55%	06/18/15	01/15/16	135,739	-
Total Short Term:					\$ -
<u>Grand Total all Debt</u>					<u>\$ 1,587,571</u>

<u>Authorized and Unissued Debt</u>	<u>Date of Vote</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bond Issued</u>	<u>Retired Rescinded Revoted</u>	<u>Unissued</u>
Prior Year Authorizations Debt Paid	Various	3,737,900	2,712,829	1,025,071	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY05	06/28/04	128,200	97,955	26,245	4,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY06	06/27/05	267,500	166,162	51,338	50,000
Capital Projects Departmental FY07	06/26/06	153,600	144,737	8,863	-
Capital Projects Roads FY07	10/23/06	200,000	200,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	06/25/07	234,000	225,960	8,040	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	06/25/07	202,040	202,040	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY08	11/19/07	1,110,000	1,110,000	-	-
Capital Project Senior Center FY10	09/28/09	512,000	512,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	05/02/11	75,000	75,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY12	06/27/11	157,600	150,475	-	7,125
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	05/06/13	75,000	75,000	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY14	10/29/13	140,000	115,049	-	24,951
Capital Projects Departmental FY15	06/30/14	197,000	180,989	-	16,011
Capital Projects Departmental FY16	06/29/15	163,000	112,726	-	50,274
Capital Projects Departmental FY16	11/04/15	91,445	91,445	-	-
Capital Projects Departmental FY17	06/27/16	605,000	-	-	605,000
Total Authorized and Unissued Debt		<u>\$ 8,049,285</u>	<u>\$ 6,172,367</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,557</u>	<u>\$ 757,361</u>

**Schedule 5: Analysis of General Fund Undersigned Fund Balance  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Balance, 7/1/15		1,255,311
Adjustments:		
Closed Completed Capital Projects back to Stabilization	(848)	
Closed Special Revenue Penny Variances to General Fund	2	
Closed Capital Project Penny Variances to General Fund	4	
		(842)
Open:		
Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	(182,830)	
Reserve for FY16 Expenses	(265,000)	
Reserve for FY16 Capital Projects	(50,000)	
		(497,830)
Close:		
Legal Ad Revolving over \$3,000 (Special Revenue)	746	
Cemetery OT Revolving over \$2,500 (Special Revenue)	184	
Unused Polling Grant (Special Revenue)	326	
Transfer Landfill Continuing Appropriation to General Fund Landfill Monitoring #433	15,190	
Other Financing Sources	233,095	
Other Financing Uses	(750,000)	
Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances and Carry Forwards	44,708	
Prior Year Reserve for Expenses	315,000	
Prior Year Reserve for Capital Improvements	17,000	
Expenditures	(14,439,922)	
Revenues	15,195,360	
		631,687
Ending Balance June 30, 2016		<u><u>1,388,326</u></u>

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Dawn M. Fahey, Town Treasurer**

I am pleased to submit the treasurer's annual report for fiscal year 2016.

The treasurer's office conducted an auction in May of 2016 auctioning off 5 foreclosed properties for a total of \$298,000.00. The town would like to thank Sharon Messenger who retired February 3, 2017 after 16 years of service. Sharon exemplified dedication and hard work and will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her retirement!

**GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Personal Property Taxes 2016 and Prior	\$336,123.55	
Real Estate Taxes 2016	\$11,107,339.47	
Real Estate Taxes Prior Years	\$127,374.01	
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2016	\$716,978.23	
Motor Vehicle Taxes 2015	\$134,416.69	
Motor Vehicle Taxes Prior Years	\$10,451.00	
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$29,269.45	
Inc & Exp Penalty added to Tax	\$4,650.00	
Demands, Warrants and Fees	\$19,160.00	
Proforma Tax 2016	\$1,479.72	
		<b>\$ 12,487,242.12</b>

**TAX LIEN RECEIVABLES**

Tax Liens	\$ 45,772.31	
Interest and Penalties on Liens	\$ 7,791.16	
Demand Fees on Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 470.00	
		<b>\$ 54,033.47</b>

**STATE RECEIPTS (CHERRY SHEET)**

State Owned Land	\$ 56,498.00	
Elderly Persons	\$ 11,504.00	
Unrestricted General Government	\$ 1,048,840.00	
School Aid (Chapter 70)	\$ 272,926.00	
Hotel/Meals Tax	\$ 40,655.08	
		<b>\$ 1,430,423.08</b>

**COMMONWEALTH OF MA STATE RECEIPTS**

911-Dept. Support and Incentive	\$ 220,154.25	
Arts Cultural Council	\$ 4,600.00	
Police Vest Grant	\$ 3,180.00	
Council on Aging Formula Grant	\$ 15,111.00	
Elections Extended Poling Hours	\$ 928.00	
Library Incentive Grant	\$ 10,560.51	
Motor Vehicle Fines	\$ 5,410.00	
Highway Chapter Money	\$ 509,453.42	
Veterans Benefits	\$ 91,354.00	
Miscellaneous State Revenue	\$ 261.75	
Vocational Transportation	\$ 47,748.00	
DEP Mass Evip Grant	\$ 4,840.92	
Veterans Blind and Surviving Spouse	\$ 17,992.00	
		<b>\$ 931,593.85</b>

**OTHER GOVERNMENT REVENUE**

Receipts Drug Task Force	\$ 41,416.93	
Communications Center Services	\$ 4,899.00	
Berkshire District Court Restitution	\$ 775.00	
Hinsdale Sewer Services	\$ 73,278.00	
Miscellaneous Grants	\$ 90,405.47	
		<b>\$ 210,774.40</b>

**FEDERAL REVENUE**

Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$	2,249.00	
BJA Recovery Act Grant	\$	19,253.71	
Retiree Drug Subsidy	\$	14,708.57	
			\$ 36,211.28

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - CHARGES FOR SERVICES/FEES**

Interest Sewer User Fees	\$	2,166.27	
Youth Tobacco Fines	\$	100.00	
Registry Of Motor Vehicle Charges	\$	5,800.00	
Trailer Park Fees	\$	4,320.00	
Sewer Late Fees	\$	5,450.00	
Sewer User Fees 2016	\$	726,964.72	
Sewer User Fees Prior Year	\$	11,483.89	
Sewer Liens 2016	\$	30,952.54	
Sewer Liens Prior Year	\$	3,182.78	
Municipal Lien Fees	\$	4,525.00	
Bad Check Fees	\$	175.00	
Sale of Street Lists	\$	40.00	
Highway Excavation Fees	\$	1,450.00	
Cemetery Charges	\$	28,085.00	
Assessors Maps	\$	466.00	
Police Reports	\$	740.00	
Police Outside Detail Admin Fees	\$	4,680.77	
Cable Franchise Fee	\$	1,078.00	
Sewer Hook Up Charges	\$	500.00	
Library Fines	\$	1,438.73	
Unlicensed Dog Fines	\$	4,780.00	
Pole Hearings	\$	238.00	
Recycled Goods	\$	4,047.88	
Parking Fines and Demand Fees	\$	750.00	
Duplicate Bill Charge	\$	913.50	
Pilot Payments Pine Grove Manor	\$	1,654.58	
Code Red Emergency Network Annual Fee	\$	1,700.02	
POD Cruiser Fee	\$	325.00	
Other Fees	\$	200.00	
Police Fines	\$	25.00	
			\$ 848,232.68

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT - LICENSES/PERMITS**

Planning Board	\$	675.00	
Alcohol Licenses	\$	5,400.00	
Beer and Wine Licenses	\$	600.00	
All Other Alcohol Licenses	\$	1,950.00	
Raffle Permits	\$	50.00	
Building Permits	\$	29,858.45	
Health Agent	\$	3,655.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	\$	420.00	
Police Pistol Permits	\$	2,437.50	
Board of Appeals Postage	\$	350.00	
All Other Licenses and Permits	\$	5,060.00	
			\$ 50,455.95

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL REVENUE**

Beautification Committee Donations	\$	25.00	
Town Collector Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	361.83	
Council on Aging Van Receipts	\$	10,623.87	
Council on Aging Gifts/Donations	\$	1,491.00	
Photo Copies	\$	231.22	
Town Clerk Other	\$	21.39	
Town Maps	\$	3.00	

Grave Digging Overtime	\$	1,395.00
Library Copier	\$	112.00
Library Donations	\$	2,000.00
School Census	\$	3,342.18
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	7,564.32
COA Program Fees	\$	4,307.00
Wetland Protection Funds	\$	585.00
Retiree Insurance Reimbursement CH 32B Sec 9a 1/2	\$	5,741.16
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$	5,000.00
Boom Mower	\$	5,000.00
	\$	<b>47,803.97</b>

#### AGENCIES

COA Program Revolving	\$	4,307.00
Soup and Sandwich Program	\$	348.00
Revenue Dalton Redevelopment Operations	\$	115.26
Warner Cable TV Franchise	\$	100,990.01
Dog Licenses	\$	27,379.00
Legal Advertising	\$	1,705.00
Plumbing Inspections	\$	5,060.00
Electrical Inspections	\$	9,790.00
Deputy Collector Fees	\$	15,928.00
Police Outside Details	\$	80,295.20
Fees Retained by Town Clerk	\$	7,225.00
Law Enforcement Trust	\$	3,930.00
Parks Maintenance	\$	275.00
	\$	<b>257,347.47</b>

#### EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

General Fund	\$	7,234.77
Capital Stabilization	\$	2,410.80
Litigation Stabilization	\$	627.78
General Stabilization	\$	741.65
Pension Reserve Funds	\$	183.45
Arts Cultural Council	\$	4.60
Sewer Stabilization	\$	466.03
Unemployment Interest	\$	6.12
OPEB Liability Trust	\$	408.62
Cemetery Trust Fund Interest	\$	445.88
Library Trust Fund Interest	\$	815.04
School Trust Fund Interest	\$	457.96

Total all receipts	\$	<b>13,802.70</b>
		<b>\$16,367,920.97</b>



## TRUST FUNDS

### ARTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

Balance June 30, 2015	\$4,653.50	
Commonwealth of MA Grant	\$4,600.00	
Warrants FY 16	(\$5,150.00)	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$4.60	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$4,108.10</b>

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 4,075.40	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$ 6.12	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$4,081.52</b>

### PENSION FUNDS

Balance June 30, 2015	\$122,040.75	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$183.45	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$122,224.20</b>

### GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 316,827.11	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$741.65	
Transfers Out	(\$2,500.00)	
Transfers In	\$100,000.00	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 415,068.76</b>

### CAPITAL FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 1,066,780.04	
Transfer in	\$ 200,848.50	
Transfer out	(\$102,205.00)	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$2,410.80	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 1,167,834.34</b>

### LITIGATION FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 267,878.10	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$ 627.78	
Transfer in	\$ 25,000.00	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 293,505.88</b>

### SEWER FUND STABILIZATION

Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 198,881.37	
Interest Earned FY 16	\$ 466.03	
Transfers In	\$ 25,000.00	
<b>Balance June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 224,347.40</b>

### LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Non-Expendable Funds	\$ 60,000.00	
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Expendable Funds	\$4,945.00	
		\$ 64,945.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 62,847.89	
Interest Income June 30, 2016	\$ 815.04	
Transfers Out	(\$250.00)	
		\$ 63,412.93
<b>Balance Library Trust Funds June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 128,357.93</b>
<b>CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Non-Expendable Funds	\$ 35,100.00	
Expendable Funds	\$ 2,955.00	
		\$ 38,055.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 15,929.43	
Warrants FY 16	\$ -	
Interest FY 16	\$ 445.88	
		\$ 16,375.31
<b>Balance Cemetery Trust Funds June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 54,430.31</b>
<b>SCHOOL TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Non Expendable Funds	\$ 30,000.00	
		\$ 30,000.00
Interest Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 83,358.59	
Interest Income	\$ 457.96	
		\$ 83,816.55
<b>Balance School Trust Funds June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 113,816.55</b>
<b>LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST</b>		
Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 759.16	
Receipts FY 16	\$ 3,930.00	
Expenditures FY 16	\$ (1,878.48)	
<b>Balance Local Law Enforcement Trust June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 2,810.68</b>
<b>OPEB LIABILITY TRUST</b>		
Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 263,116.70	
Transfers In	\$ 400,000.00	
Interest Income FY 16	408.62	
<b>Balance OPEB Liability Trust June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 663,525.32</b>
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION</b>		
Balance June 30, 2015	\$ 4,075.40	
Payments	\$ -	
Interest Income FY 16	\$ 6.12	
<b>Balance Unemployment Comp. June 30, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 4,081.52</b>

# MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST SCHEDULE FY 2016

Purpose	Date Issued	Original Amount	Principal Paid	Due Date	Interest Paid	Unpaid Balance
Town Hall Renovations	6/1/09	\$ 1,110,000.00	\$ 424,656.00	1/15/16	\$ 29,233.14	\$ 685,344.00
Communication Center	6/1/09	\$ 202,040.00	\$ 74,480.00	1/15/16	\$ 5,434.66	\$ 127,560.00
Roads	6/1/09	\$ 98,157.00	\$ 68,712.00	1/15/16	\$ 1,447.70	\$ 29,445.00
Capital Projects	6/1/09	\$ 142,175.00	\$ 99,524.00	1/15/16	\$ 2,097.00	\$ 42,651.00
Senior Center	6/15/12	\$ 512,000.00	\$ 412,000.00	8/15/16	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 100,000.00
Library Renovations	3/19/13	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	3/15/16	\$ 900.00	\$ 30,000.00
Cruiser	3/19/13	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	3/15/16	\$ 320.00	\$ 8,000.00
Overhead Door and	3/19/13	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	3/15/16	\$ 120.00	\$ 4,000.00
Rain Gutters	3/19/13	\$ 103,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	3/15/16	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 38,000.00
Highway Truck	6/25/14	\$ 93,649.00	\$ 38,649.00	6/15/16	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 55,000.00
Highway Truck	6/18/15	\$ 29,395.00	\$ 6,395.00	6/18/16	\$ 583.06	\$ 23,000.00
Police Cruiser	6/18/15	\$ 41,569.00	\$ 9,569.00	6/18/16	\$ 824.51	\$ 32,000.00
Culvert, Yvonne Dr	6/18/15	\$ 10,025.00	\$ 2,025.00	6/18/16	\$ 198.75	\$ 8,000.00
Overhead Doors	6/18/15	\$ 5,475.00	\$ 1,475.00	6/18/16	\$ 108.55	\$ 4,000.00
911 Grant Temporary Borrowing	6/18/15	\$ 135,739.00	\$ 135,739.00	6/18/16	\$ 431.58	\$ -
Sidewalk Repair	6/22/16	\$ 10,794.00				\$ 10,794.00
Dump Truck & Equip.	6/22/16	\$ 74,909.00				\$ 74,909.00
Commercial Lawn Equip.	6/22/16	\$ 17,182.00				\$ 17,182.00
Town Hall Furnishings	6/22/16	\$ 9,841.00				\$ 9,841.00
Land Purchase, Pines	6/22/16	\$ 91,445.00				\$ 91,445.00
Hoos House	6/22/16	\$ 100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00
Sewer System Eng. Study	6/22/16	\$ 96,400.00				\$ 96,400.00
<b>Total Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2016</b>						<b>\$ 1,587,571.00</b>

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**Deborah J. Merry, Town Clerk**

As the local arm of the Secretary of State's Office, the Town Clerk serves you as the chief election official, supervising polling places, election officers and the general conduct of all elections. The Clerk directs the preparation of ballots, polling places, voting equipment, voting lists, the certification of nomination papers and initiative petitions; administers campaign finance laws, voter registration and absentee balloting, and prepares, records and reports official election results to the Secretary of State; and supervises and serves on the Board of Registrars. In addition to serving as the DOR Account Administrator for the Town; Federal Census Liaison and responsible for any required redistricting; our office conducts the Annual Town Census; preparing and printing in-house, all Street Lists, Voter Lists, School Lists, and furnishes the Jury List to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

The Town Clerk is also responsible for recording and certifying all official actions of the Town, including Town Meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board decisions, signs all notes for borrowing, keeps the Town Seal, and submits all General and Zoning Bylaws to the Attorney General for approval and maintains the Town Code. Newly enacted Ethics and Open Meeting laws require all employees, volunteers and vendors to receive a transcript of both laws yearly and to also take an online test upon employment and every two years thereafter. The statute requires the Town Clerk to be responsible for distributing copies of said law to all employees, volunteers and vendors, collecting sign-off sheets from each yearly; and also receiving, filing and maintaining copies of all test certificates which must be retained for six years.

In addition to the above, this office processed many legal claims as well as preparing search requests and certified documents for same. We issued 21 Business Certificates and 5 Discontinuance of Business Certificates; 1,177 dog licenses; 4 permits for raffles and bazaars; along with other various state licenses and permits. Chapter 40, Section 21D requires the Town Clerk to collect District Court fines for noncriminal disposition, not limited to but including Animal Control, Junk Car, False Alarm, Snow and Ice Removal, Alcoholic Beverages, Town Parks Playground, Failure to Pay Municipal Charges & Bills, Zoning, Noise Control, Smoking, Hawkers and Peddlers, Uniform Numbering System of Dwellings Bylaws and Board of Health Youth Possession Regulation violations. Under the Animal Control Bylaw adopted December, 1993, dog licenses are due January 1 of each year regardless of when the census is mailed out; with a \$10 late fee effective February 1, and a \$50 per dog Failure to License fine after April 1. Dog licensing information along with the form to license by mail is available on the Town website. In 2016, owners paid 144 late fees, 105 fines for unlicensed dogs, 39 dogs and cats not vaccinated against rabies for a total of \$4,350, in addition to holding fees and miscellaneous fines. Several cases were filed at District Court which adds an additional charge of \$25 to cover the administrative cost of preparing these court cases. The State legislature passed a new Animal Control Law in 2012 with many requirements for municipalities, including raising fines to \$50 per dog

per offense. I encourage all residents to license their dogs each year in a timely manner to avoid paying these mandated fines which we are obligated to charge.

As local Registrar of Vital Statistics, registering all vital events occurring within the community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents, we recorded and preserved 39 birth, 98 death and 25 marriage records contributing to the basis for the Commonwealth's Central Vital Registration system. In addition, we processed 23 Intentions of Marriage, issuing 25 Marriage Licenses, as well as notarizing or certifying a multitude of documents.

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we will no longer be printing the individual names from vital records in the Town Report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well as help to curb identity theft.

As Public Records Officer, this office is responsible for administering the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards, keeping all officials informed of any changes in the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws; and are responsible for posting meetings and agendas of all governmental bodies, on the Town website. Providing access to public records in compliance with State Records Law and corresponding regulations, we performed innumerable search requests and conducted or assisted with genealogical research for members of the public.

In conjunction with General Code, we completed the arduous project of codifying the Town's Bylaws, Regulations, General Law Acceptances and Special Acts which was accepted at the June, 2008 Special Town Meeting. Codification is the collection and organization all of our legislation into a numbered and stylized document that is easily located and read. The Town Clerk is responsible for maintaining and updating the Code with all subsequently enacted and adopted legislation. Citizens can now access the Dalton Code via a link on the Town's website, [dalton-ma.gov](http://dalton-ma.gov), which also contains lists and telephone numbers of Town Officers, Rules and Regulations of various Town Boards, Town Meeting and Election Warrants and Minutes, Ethics Legislation, various forms; as well as obtain a multitude of other information relative to the Town and Berkshire County. You will also find a link on the website to access Dalton's new official site for posting meetings, agenda and minutes. You may also go online to [mytowngovernment.org/01226](http://mytowngovernment.org/01226) to find meeting postings and other information for Dalton.

As accountability includes maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials, the Town has initiated an ongoing restoration project in an effort to preserve and restore Dalton's earliest records which were decomposing daily due to acidic paper and ink which devours these irreplaceable documents until they crumble and/or are illegible. We are therefore compelled to preserve this priceless heritage for posterity, and are pleased to report that a total of eleven handwritten volumes plus many individual historical records have been preserved; partially as a result of grants from the Dalton Cultural Council and the donated proceeds of Ray Fischer's book, "The Dalton Papers". I am happy to report that the second large binder of these very old individual historical documents was preserved in 2012 and invite all interested parties to call and make arrangements

to inspect this priceless heritage as we must oversee the handling of the books.

This year was the first time for early voting in the Town of Dalton. It was a success and was positively received by Dalton Voters. Note that early voting is only allowed in biennial State Elections (November in even-numbered years).

I extend sincere appreciation to Assistant Town Clerk, Michele Blake. Michele is warm, kind, friendly, sensitive and diligent, and the Town is fortunate to have such dedicated person willing to serve our community. Please also let me take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Dalton for their support which is very much appreciated.

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED/FINES COLLECTED**

**(Please note that Dog Licenses are due January 1 each year regardless of when the census is received)**

Males	87
Neutered Males	496
Females	71
Spayed Females	523
Commercial Kennel	1
Multiple Pet Permit (4 – 6 Dogs)	38
Transfer Licenses & Tag Replacements	
Total 2016 Dog Licenses Issued	1,177

**VITAL STATISTICS**

Births	39
Deaths	98
Marriages	25

**To visit Dalton’s new official meeting posting site, go to  
[mytowngovernment.org/01226](http://mytowngovernment.org/01226).**

**Meeting information is also available 24/7 by calling 413-285-2709.**

**FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES ISSUED**

**DUE TO 2011 STATE CHANGES IN THE LICENSING PROCESS, WE NO LONGER SELL FISH & GAME LICENSES. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY PURCHASE YOUR LICENSES ONLINE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THEM AT THE MA WILDLIFE OFFICE LOCATED AT 88 OLD WINDSOR ROAD AS THEY DO NOT CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES.**

## **VETERANS' SERVICES/BENEFITS**

**Rosanne M. Frieri, Director**

I am pleased to submit the Veterans' Services report for FY 2016. This report highlights our commitment to helping Veterans in their time of need.

Qualifying Veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, fuel, and medical care in accordance with a formula that takes into account the number of dependents with income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased Veterans may also qualify for the same benefits as the Veteran.

This past year we have processed 5 veterans that are now receiving Chapter 115 that fit the income criteria. We are also assisting many of our veterans with fuel assistance and medical co-pays. However, our work continues to face the challenges of a weak economy and high unemployment.

We are committed to providing Veterans and their families with the very best services we can provide.

## **TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**Jane A. Carman, CMMC**

Real Estate, Fire District, Personal Property, and Fire Personal Property Taxes are due on the quarterly billing format. The due dates are August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. The first and second quarter vouchers are mailed together by July 1st. The first quarter is due August 1st; the attached second quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by November 1st. The third and fourth quarter vouchers are mailed together by January 1st. These bills are based on the new fiscal year tax rate and any change in the property valuation. The third quarter is due Feb. 1st; the attached fourth quarter voucher should be retained and sent in by May 1st. If bills are not paid in full by May 1st, a \$5.00 late fee and 14% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days, the Tax Title process begins.

Real Estate and Fire District tax bills can be viewed and printed online at [taxbillsonline.com](http://taxbillsonline.com). Sewer bills are due semi-annually; Cycle #1 due October 1st, and Cycle #2 due April 1st. If not paid by the due date, a \$10.00 late fee and interest at 14% per annum is added. If a late bill is not paid, the entire balance is added to the next year's Real Estate Tax as a Sewer Lien.

Motor Vehicle excise bills are due 30 days from the date of issue. If left unpaid, a \$5.00 late fee and 12% interest per annum is added. If that amount is not paid within 14 days the bill is forwarded to the Deputy Collector. For each step of the collection process, additional fees and interest accumulate, culminating in marking at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which prevents renewal of license and registration.

I would like to thank Assistant Collector Melissa Davis for her dedication and hard work.

Please see charts for collection details.

# TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 2016 7/1/2015-6/30/2016

Taxes	FY	Balance 6/30/15	Commitment	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Received	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Leased	Tax Title	Balance 6/30/2016	
Real Estate	2016	\$	11,352,087.74	\$	13,377.59	\$	42,356.86	\$	19,168.77	\$	11,126,508.14	\$	155,524.35
Sewer Lien	2016	\$	36,090.33								30,952.54	\$	4,018.41
Water Lien	2016	\$	1,848.92								1,848.92	\$	-
I & E Lien	2016	\$	5,250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$			4,650.00	\$	600.00
I & E Lien	2015	\$	250.00								250.00	\$	-
Real Estate	2015	\$	143,532.63								127,574.28	\$	719.99
Sewer Lien	2015	\$	3,182.78								3,182.78	\$	-
Personal Prop	2016	\$	337,077.26	\$	671.15	\$	3,250.87	\$	338,397.99	\$		\$	1,258.99
Personal Prop	2015	\$	1,428.28	\$	435.71						976.43	\$	16.14
Personal Prop	2014	\$	75.89	\$	75.89							\$	-
Fire District	2016	\$	566,736.84	\$	667.87	\$	3,144.24	\$	557,833.24	\$		\$	9,665.73
Fire District	2015	\$	6,248.80	\$	8.13	\$	94.24	\$	6,138.25	\$		\$	-
Fire Personal	2016	\$	16,828.02	\$	33.50	\$	134.71	\$	16,867.45	\$		\$	61.78
Fire Personal	2015	\$	34.05	\$	17.56						15.86	\$	0.63
Fire Personal	2014	\$	3.24	\$	3.24						-	\$	-
Motor Vehicle	2016	\$	797,942.24	\$	12,077.98	\$	5,176.83	\$	722,155.06	\$		\$	68,886.03
Motor Vehicle	2015	\$	53,701.17	\$	7,296.51	\$	6,992.09	\$	141,408.78	\$		\$	14,533.78
Motor Vehicle	2014	\$	13,862.08	\$	-	\$	251.36	\$	7,977.57	\$		\$	5,966.06
Motor Vehicle	2013	\$	4,967.01	\$	-	\$	41.46	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	3,935.54
Motor Vehicle	2012	\$	4,228.77	\$	-	\$			485.21	\$		\$	3,743.56
Motor Vehicle	2011	\$	2,339.81	\$	-	\$			376.98	\$		\$	1,962.83
Motor Vehicle	2010	\$	1,659.68	\$	-	\$			325.10	\$		\$	1,334.58
Motor Vehicle	2009	\$		\$	106.67				106.67	\$		\$	-
Motor Vehicle	2008	\$	62.92	\$	62.92				62.92	\$		\$	-
Motor Vehicle	2007	\$	333.54	\$		\$			333.54	\$		\$	-
Motor Vehicle	2006	\$	33.33	\$		\$			33.33	\$		\$	-
Motor Vehicle	2003	\$	41.25	\$		\$			41.25	\$		\$	-
Motor Vehicle	2000	\$	36.25	\$		\$			36.25	\$		\$	-
Motor Vehicle	1997	\$	15.00	\$		\$			15.00	\$		\$	-
Sewer User	2016	\$	767,105.51	\$	127.00	\$	1,940.33	\$	728,903.94	\$	1,022.86	\$	38,992.04
Sewer User	2015	\$	39,547.38	\$	-	\$			11,483.89	\$	995.21	\$	29,058.70
Police Detail	2016	\$	16,406.95	\$	75,985.25	\$			80,295.20	\$		\$	12,100.00
Cruiser Fee	2016	\$		\$	370.00				325.00	\$		\$	45.00
Admin Fee	2016	\$	672.95	\$	4,774.95	\$			4,680.77	\$		\$	684.00
SB Com Cr	2016	\$	452.00	\$	4,447.00				4,899.00	\$		\$	-
Fire Dist Reimb	2016	\$		\$	10,000.00				10,000.00	\$		\$	-
Handhole Sewer	2016	\$		\$	73,278.00				73,278.00	\$		\$	-
Clerk Census	2015	\$		\$	3,342.18				3,342.18	\$		\$	-
Pinegrove	2016	\$		\$	1,654.58				1,654.58	\$		\$	-
Totals		\$	292,593.47	\$	14,157,996.59	\$	35,418.20	\$	42,356.86	\$	40,444.90	\$	14,008,356.10
											995.21	\$	29,058.70
												\$	51,768.21
												\$	324,049.24



**Other Monies Collected FY2016 - Town Collector**

Type	Acct#	Amount
Sewer Late Fee	4245	\$5,450
Interest FD	4171	\$1,616.63
Interest tax	4171	\$29,269.45
Sewer Interest	4171	\$2,166.27
Demand Fees MV	4178	\$7,860.00
Demand Fees Tax	4177	\$3,495.00
Warrant Fees	4178	\$7,805.00
Deputy Fees	251R	\$15,928.00
RMV Fees	4175	\$5,800.00
MLC	4321	\$4,525.00
Return Check	4330	\$125.00
Trailer Park	4165	\$4,320.00
Sewer Hookup	4467	\$500.00
Trench Permit	4377	\$550.00
Interest MM	4820	\$514.42
Duplicate Bills	4382	\$913.50
Misc	4840	\$25.00
Prep/Post Tax Title	4844	\$105.00
Court Reimbursement	4844	\$256.83
Code Red	4731	\$1,700.02
Pole Location	4376	\$184.00
Boom Mower	254-400	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$98,109.12</b>

**POSTAGE REPORT**

Jane A.Carman

**Postage Expenses**

Postage	\$ 6,469.28
Office Supplies	\$ 1,120.17
Meter Lease	\$ 1,874.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,464.33</b>

**Postage Meter**

July 1, 2015 Balance	\$ 9,592.75
Deposits	\$ 6,000.00
Postage Available	\$ 15,592.75
Postage Meter Used 2016	\$ 7,003.87
Meter Balance June 30, 2016	\$ 8,588.88

**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**

Stanley A. Greenleaf

Plumbing permits issued in 2016	43
Gas Permits issued in 2016	70
Total plumbing & gas permits issued in 2016	113
Plumbing	Gas
Residential 35	Residential 62
Commercial 6	Commercial 7
Industrial 2	Industrial 1

## TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**Daniel D. Filiault, Chairman**

The Dalton Traffic Commission was founded by the Board of Selectmen in the early 1970's as an advisory board to provide input to the Town on matters pertaining to vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the Town of Dalton. We are a non-regulatory by charter and are designated to review problems and suggest solutions to concerns that the Town Manager or Select Board have referred to us.

In addition to our duties as Traffic Commission there are two other functions we perform for the Town. In 2015 the Traffic Commission was appointed the Parking Ticket Appeal Board for Dalton. In this capacity we hear any appeals of tickets for violations of parking regulations within the community.

In 2016 the Town of Dalton received certification as a Complete Street Community. As part of the certification process the Town was required to create a Complete Street Committee. Because the Traffic Commission already performed some of the duties that was expected of a Complete Streets Committee the Select Board designated the Traffic Commission to represent the community. A work group was developed which in addition to the Committee had the Town Manager, Highway Superintendent and the Town Planner along with representatives from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to develop plans for Dalton.

"A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes - walking, biking, transit and vehicles – for people of all ages and abilities.

Designing streets with these principles contributes toward the safety, health, economic viability and quality of life in a community by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments. Providing safer, more accessible and comfortable means of travel between home, school, work, recreation and retail destinations helps promote more livable communities."

The result of the work of the committee the Town of Dalton identified numerous areas within Dalton that could benefit from the program. A grant application was submitted and the Town of Dalton was awarded a \$400,000-dollar grant to repair, replace and construct sidewalks on High Street and Field Street Ext.

To complete the project, the Town is required to have engineering done of the proposed project. The Complete Streets Committee will work alongside the Highway Department to complete this phase of the grant.

The grant system allows communities to apply for funds for at least five years. The Traffic Commission has already started to review other project areas that we had identified and decide which projects we would want to consider for the next round of grants.

The Traffic Commission is extremely grateful to Eammon Coughlin and Lauren Gaherty of the BRPC. They guided the committee and provided assistance in developing the projects. Their experience in developing projects of this nature was instrumental in our receiving funding.

If anyone has questions pertaining to these programs or other non-regulatory traffic issues within Dalton, the Traffic Commission can be contacted at [traffic@dalton-ma.gov](mailto:traffic@dalton-ma.gov).

The Traffic Commission is deeply grateful to the many committees and Boards within the community and the citizens of Dalton for their support.

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

### Emergency Calls

For Ambulance Service .....	911
To Report a Fire.....	911
For Emergency Police Calls.....	911
For Other Fire Dept. Business.....	684-0500
For Other Police Dept. Business .....	684-0300
Emergency Management.....	684-0020

### Other Town Services

All Town Hall Departments can be reached by dialing 684-6111 at the following extension numbers:

### Meeting Schedule

Accountant .....	Ext. 17	
Animal Inspector.....	Ext. 36	
Assessors.....	Ext. 10	
.....	Ext. 22	
.....	Ext. 23	
Board of Appeals.....	Ext. 29	1st Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Board of Registrars .....	Ext. 14	
Building Inspections .....	Ext. 27	
Conservation Commission .....	Ext. 11	4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Cultural Council .....	Ext. 11	
Development and Industrial Commission/.....	Ext. 29	1st Weds. 8:00 a.m.
Dalton Redevelopment Authority		
Finance Committee .....	Ext. 11	On Chair's call
Health Department .....	Ext. 20	1st Mon. at 4:00 p.m.
Historical Commission .....	Ext. 35	
Inspector of Wiring .....	Ext. 27	
Planning Board .....	Ext. 29	3rd Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Plumbing and Gas Inspect. ....	Ext. 27	
Sealer of Weights& Measures .....	Ext. 11	
Select Board .....	Ext. 13	2nd & 4th Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Town Clerk.....	Ext. 14	
Assistant Town Clerk.....	Ext. 15	
.....	Ext. 16	
Town Collector.....	Ext. 24	
Assistant Town Collector .....	Ext. 25	
Town Manager .....	Ext. 12	
Town Moderator.....	Ext. 11	
Town Planner .....	Ext. 29	
Traffic Commission.....	Ext. 30	
Treasurer .....	Ext. 21	
Veterans Service.....	Ext. 19	Tues. 1:00-3:30 p.m.;
		at Town Hall, Thurs. 3:00-
		5:30 p.m. at Senior Center

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (CONTINUED)

The following departments can be reached by dialing the following telephone numbers:

Animal Control .....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Cemetery Department .....	684-6117	24 hours a day
Cemetery Trustees.....	684-6117	2nd Wed. 1 p.m.
Communications .....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Community House .....	684-0260	
Council on Aging .....	684-2000	2nd Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Dalton Youth Center.....	684-0120	
Emergency Management.....	684-0020	
Fire Department .....	684-0500	24 hours a day
Fire District Treasurer .....	684-6118	
Forest Warden .....	684-0500	24 hours a day
Highway/Sewer Department.....	684-6115	7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Housing Authority.....	684-2493	2nd Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Library.....	684-6112	
Parks and Recreation.....	684-0260	
Police Department.....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Police Department Fax.....	684-6108	
Police Department.....	684-0300	24 hours a day
Town Hall Fax.....	684-6107	
Water Department .....	684-6118	

**Town Hall Hours: 8–5 Mon.–Wed; Thurs. 8–6**

**Transfer Station Hours: Tues. & Wed., 2–6; Fri. & Sat., 8–4**

**Boy Scout Bottle Drive: First Saturday each month at the Transfer Station**

**A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS—**

**TOWN HALL HAS EXTENDED ITS MONDAY - WEDNESDAY HOURS  
TO 5 PM AND THURSDAY TO 6 PM.**

**There is a locked drop box located in the first Town Hall entryway  
on South Carson Avenue for the convenience of residents who  
cannot make payments, etc., during regular town hall hours.**

## 2016 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

**Deborah J. Merry, Town Clerk**

To Choose and Elect the Following Town Officers:  
(May 8, 2017 Annual Town Election)

(2) Member(s)-Select Board	For 3 Years
(1) Moderator	For 1 Year
(3) Member-Planning Board	For 3 Years
(1) Cemetery Trustee	For 3 Years
(1) Dalton Housing Authority	For 5 Years
(3) Library Trustees	For 3 Years
(3) Members-Finance Committee	For 3 Years



### ***About the Cover***

In 2016, the long planned reconstruction of Housatonic Street got underway. This \$10 million dollar project is being constructed by MassDOT, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, under the State and Federal Aid program known as the Transportation Improvement Program. The Town provided funding for engineering and Right of Way acquisition. When completed, the reconstructed roadway will have improved pavement and drainage, proper lane and shoulder widths, upgraded and extended sidewalks, and improved horizontal and vertical alignment. The picture is a view in the easterly direction looking up the hill from the “High Bridge” towards a “cut” being made in the hill just to the west of the Depot.